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## Pack Pounding

Trace 'Winged Shoulder Blade' to Soldier's Heavy Pack

CHICAGO—Discovery of what is apparently the first case on record of winged shoulder blade resulting from carrying a knapsack is reported by Capt. F. W. Ifield, MC, U. S. Army, and Maj. Hall G. Holder, MC, U. S. Army, in the current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The patient, a private, was admitted to the Station Hospital at Camp Callan, Calif., complaining of difficulty in raising his right arm and a prominent right shoulder blade which seemed to "strike the back of the chair" when he sat down.

He thought the condition was due to having "strained" his right shoulder while putting the pack on his back. The doctors found a weakness of the muscle that rotates the shoulder blade and with no other cause that could be found for it, ascribed the condition to "stretching of the long thoracic (chest) nerve in swinging the pack on the back or to pressure on the long thoracic nerve from the strap of the knapsack against the chest and shoulder."

The patient's arm was supported in a sling and he was given infrared heat treatment and massage to the shoulder. Slight improvement in muscle power followed within a week and about four weeks later his shoulder blade and its muscle were back to normal.

"In view of the expansion of our armed forces during the present emergency," the Army surgeons declare, "the occurrence of this deformity from such cause, its recognition and treatment are important."

The winged shoulder blade deformity has been reported as long ago as 1825 but the causes of earlier cases have ranged from infantile paralysis and other diseases to injuries.

## Stimson, Marshall Urge U. S. To Build a Younger Army



UNDER that mudpack is a "Bushmaster," a jungle fighter of the Army in Panama. He's now ready to blend with the coloring of the forest while on patrol.

—Signal Corps Photo

See Need for 7½ Million in "Highly Trained Striking Force"

The House expected to come to a vote today on legislation empowering the President to lower the draft age from 20 to 18. While Senate leaders held out hope for no such speed, it was indicated that a bill for inducting the younger men would be ready for the floor next week.

## 'Mental Illness'

Medical Officer Says Cases Will Increase in Combat

PITTSBURGH—A United States Army medical officer told the 92d annual convention of the Pennsylvania Medical Society that between 200 and 400 cases of "emotional illness" occur in Army camps throughout the nation every week.

"It is high, but not alarming—especially since we have an Army of millions," Lt. Col. Duncan Whitehead of the Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., said.

### Causes "Listed"

Colonel Whitehead said that "mental crack-ups" among Army men is caused by "such factors as teasing and razzing by fellow soldiers, removal from home and family, strict discipline and intimate living in larger groups." Worry, anxiety and excitement are also important factors, he said.

The speaker warned that with the advent of large-scale active combat, there will be an increase in mental disorders due to the noise, confusion of battle, the constant threat of death, observation of fellow soldiers dying and exhaustion and hunger.

During the first World War, cases of mental illness were higher among commissioned officers because of their additional responsibility, Colonel Whitehead said.

### Remedies Suggested

Colonel Whitehead and his associate, N. R. Chambers, formerly of Lovell General Hospital, suggested a four-point solution to the problem: Exclusion of the known unfit from the armed forces; the quick removal and proper placement of those who prove unfit under mobilization; treatment and return to duty, if possible, of those who become psychiatric casualties under combat, and treatment of men who become sick, disciplinary problems or casualties.

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## Second Army Maneuvers

## Test Dive-Bombing Tactics

Special to Army Times

SECOND ARMY HEADQUARTERS SOMEWHERE IN TENNESSEE—The use of dive bombers against an armored force, a tactic employed by the Germans in Libya without notable success, will be thoroughly tested in the battle problem set to begin in the Cumberland River Valley early Tuesday.

Again the Red Army will be defending the winding Cumberland River line, this time against a very formidable enemy who not only has superior strength but also possesses a powerful armored force and all the engineer pontoon units necessary to bridge the Cumberland.

The Red Army, however, has all the combat aviation this time. The Blues have observation planes only. Dive bombers will be used to blast the Blue armored columns advancing northward to attack the river line and are also expected to be extremely effective in knocking out whatever pontoon bridges the Blue Army attempts to throw across the Cumberland. Nevertheless, observers are hoping that the Blues will be successful in forcing a crossing of the Cumberland so that they may see the construction of a heavy pontoon bridge capable of bearing the weight of the Blue Force's 28-ton medium tanks.

In the event that the Blues do secure a crossing somewhere along the 60 winding miles of Cumberland River being defended the Reds will have tank destroyer battalions and heavy artillery awaiting them on the other side.

Another interesting feature of the problem about to begin is that "neu-

tral states" have been set up along both sides of the battle area.

The exercise is scheduled to last three days and two nights. Maj. Gen. William H. Simpson, XII Corps Commander, will command the Blue Force. The Red Force will be commanded by Maj. Gen. Paul E. Peary.

The problem just ended saw a remarkable defense by the Red Forces of the town of Lebanon in the heart of the maneuver area. Superior Blue force were pressing in closely from all sides when the battle exercise was ended.

In a conference of officers Sunday, Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, Second Army commander and maneuver director, told the assembled commanders that he had noted "a marked increase in cheerfulness and determination" among the troops. He called for more and more aggressiveness on the part of the commanders.

An example of this aggressive spirit General Lear cited the action of Lt. John E. King of the Blue infantry forces who, with a squad of men, captured 12 trucks, five half tracks, four jeeps, 35 men, including a battalion commander, and a quantity of arms.

During the two days of battle the Blue armored force made a 60-mile march and had taken positions on both sides of Lebanon in preparation for launching a blitzkrieg attack on the town when the problem ended. The armored reconnaissance and light tanks were engaged with the Reds and the Blue armored regiments with their General Grant

## McNair With 2nd

LEBANON, Tenn.—Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair arrived by plane at Berry Field, Nashville, Tuesday, and came directly to maneuver headquarters at Lebanon. He will observe progress of the Second Army's war games.

tanks were moving up to a battle with Red tank destroyers and light tanks when the fighting was halted. Maj. Gen. John S. Wood, armored force commander, directed the movement of his armored columns from the air, hovering over the advancing spearheads in a light plane.

One of the most impressive jobs done during this problem was the "blasting" of 254 bridges by the Red engineers. This work was a large factor in throwing the armored force blitzkreig off its time schedule despite valiant efforts by the armored force engineers to overcome the damage done.

Blue Force dive bombers destroyed three bridges across the Cumberland including one pontoon bridge which had been built to maintain the Red supply line to the north.

In the problem about to begin, the out-numbered Red forces will once more have a terrain advantage; the steep-banked Cumberland River, whose waters are deep enough to swallow a whole armored regiment.

## Soldiers to Get Knit Pullover Shirts

More than 100,000 lightweight pullover knit shirts are being procured by the Quartermaster Corps for use in all-war theaters, the War Department announces. Knitted with a flat jersey stitch, the shirt comes in 11 sizes, from 34 to 54. It has long sleeves and a high collar.

## Our Forces Are Striking Hard on Every Front

Secretary of War Stimson, at his press conference Thursday, gave the following overall picture of the United States armed forces on the world's battlefronts:

"Air and ground forces of the United States Army, together with the Navy and Allied troops, are participating in important military operations in many parts of the world. In New Guinea and adjacent waters and islands our Army flyers for several months have been taking a heavy toll of Japanese aircraft and shipping, and are rendering splendid support to the Australians in the advance over the Owen Stanley Range.

"In the South Pacific we have substantial numbers of air and ground troops under the command of Major General Millard F. Harmon. These troops are currently participating in the operations in the Solomon Islands. General Harmon has his headquarters in New Zealand but spends most of his time at his advance base in New Caledonia. We

now have Army air and ground troops in New Zealand, New Caledonia, the New Hebrides, and the Fiji Islands. Recently Army ground and air units have moved to Guadalcanal to reinforce the Marines who seized important positions in the Solomons and are tenaciously holding them against vigorous Japanese counterattacks.

"The Army and Navy forces in this area are fighting in the closest possible cooperation under the unified command of the Navy. An instance of the close comradeship that prevails is cited in a letter just received from a Marine commander on Guadalcanal. He reports that members of an Army infantry unit in New Caledonia stripped themselves of cigarettes, candies, and other luxuries and delicacies which (See FORCES, Page 15).



# Illiterates 'Rescued' For Use by Army

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The "illiterate," the American who cannot read or write his mother tongue or the "foreign native" who can neither speak nor write English, is finding a place in the Army at Camp Blanding.

Many of thousands of men who have fallen into this category

and who heretofore have been classified as unfit for military duty—being given visual classification tests which the Army has designed to evaluate a man's common sense rather than his working knowledge of the ABC's; and the results of these tests here have proven that scores of such men make excellent soldiers.

Americans who have never learned the language pick up military commands and conversational English within a few weeks; others who speak English but can neither read nor write it cannot pass the Army General Classification Test because of lack of formal education; but many of these pass this new test and, proving they have "common sense," and we find for themselves a valuable place in the Army.

#### Use Pantomime

First Lt. G. E. Ludwig, who is in charge of the tests, said the purpose is to obtain the largest proportion of men possessing sufficient mental ability to master basic military training—and so the tests are given in the universal language of pantomime instruction through facial expression, gesture or signs.

For instance, one test panel is made up of four circular objects and square. Cpl. Charles Burnson, an educational psychology graduate of the University of Florida, explains with charts, pointer and blackboard why words that the men are to cross out the dissimilar object. The answer correct if the square is marked.

There are 60 panels in all and they increase in complexity to a point where it is a true test of a man's common sense and ability to think, even though he cannot read or write. And the tests have proven to us here that many "illiterates" have an abundance of common sense even though they were unable to attain a formal education.

#### Pupils Teach Teachers

Men who fail the first test are given another type of examination and if they pass, they—as the others are given special attention if necessary during their first days in the Army. But often the "illiterate" turns out to need no more specific instruction than the usual recruit. Thus, many men who might otherwise

## Private Patter

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Cpl. Bernard Hutchinson, division finance man, was waiting in a long line at theater No. 1 to see a recent USO show when he noticed a shorter line forming around the rear of the building. He stepped over into the shorter line and soon the door opened and a man said: "Okay, boys, come in."

The next thing Hutchinson knew was on the stage of the theater was the 359th glee club.

**MASCOT SCHOOL**  
The 38th Station Hospital has opened a school for all canine mascot candidates. Applicants will be tested on appearance. Particular emphasis in the training program is placed upon "proper indoor canine etiquette," according to Instructor Sgt. Steven Kalur. Three classes have graduated to date and the graduates placed in other organizations.

**OF COURSE**  
Pvt. Francis Winter of a reconnaissance unit has patience but it isn't enough for the stork. Winter went to nearby Abilene Wednesday afternoon last week and waited at the hospital for the stork to arrive. He waited Wednesday afternoon, that night and until early the next morning. He finally came back to camp, arriving at 5:30 a.m. The bird was born at 5:39 a.m. It was a girl, of course, that kept him waiting.

**EARLY RISER**  
During a terrific thunderstorm a week Pvt. Hal H. Hoge, Finance Co., 185th Unit, got out of bed to the hutment windows and latched door. After completing the job, he looked over at one of his eye-blinking bunk mates and asked him, "What time?" The soldier peered at his watch and mumbled 6:10. Only 20 minutes until reveille, he thought, so he began to clean the regular morning inspection.



WHEN that chow bell rings, everybody runs—soldier, actor and actress. This was the general scene when the 359th Infantry's glee club got together backstage with USO actors after a showing of "Goin' to Town," at Camp Barkeley, Tex. No one was injured.

## Hood Course Centers on 'Killing' Tanks

CAMP HOOD, Tex.—A fresh-faced young soldier hopped a ride with a newspaperman just outside this thriving wartime Texas boom town. "Off to visit with the folks?" he was asked.

"No, sir, the youngster said, "I'm just getting back home from a furlough. I belong to a tank destroyer unit at Camp Hood."

Home was what he called it. Home a 106,000-acre training ground in the heart of Texas, a vast tract where the art of savage fighting is daily routine in order that our soldiers may learn to master the mechanized might of the Axis; this is the scene of the most destructive force of our Army.

The ranking officials of the War Department approve, too. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson and six generals voiced their unstinted praise of the tank-destroyer formula after they witnessed its demonstration at the recent dedication of Camp Hood.

The people of Killeen, the nearest town to the camp, and of Temple, boast that the tank-destroyer center at Camp Hood is the first of its kind in the world. But the proudest man at Camp Hood is its commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce, for he is one of the originators of the tank destroyer idea.

The formula of the tank destroyer unit, according to General Bruce, is simple. This new force of the Army is charged with the mission of defeating enemy tanks. Its doctrine is based on the conviction that highly mobile, hard-hitting guns comprise our best weapon against enemy armored forces; its motto is "Seek-Strike-Destroy."

**Destroyers' Objective**  
Accomplishment of this mission, General Bruce explains, will free our own armored forces to carry out their offensive roles instead of being immobilized in defense requirements.

Tank destroyer units fight in teams of three units of heavy fire power. There are two 75-mm. guns mounted on half-track vehicles which

combine high speed and light armor; and there is an anti-aircraft unit mounted on a similar carrier.

The soldiers who man these 75s are trained to fight with lightning speed. Their half-track carriers dart in and out and literally run circles around the heavier and more cumbersome tanks. Speed and fire power are what count.

This was demonstrated during the dedication day maneuvers. The fast-moving tank destroyers whipped across the rough Texas terrain, shot out from a protecting wood, mopped up the "enemy" tanks, and then disappeared under cover in an incredibly swift action. Other tank destroyers proved their accurate fire against towed targets on a constructed range. Anti-aircraft units blasted balloons overhead.

#### Commando Tactics

Soldiers operating with the tank destroyer mechanized units demonstrated their adaptation of the British Commando tactics. The helmeted fighters crawled through the sand, range grass and cockleburs in a maneuver known officially as infiltration.

Tricks of the fighting trade learned at Camp Hood were demonstrated. The "sticky" grenade, made on the spot out of a sock, some dynamite, a piece of fuse and a smear of grease, is so named because it sticks to the side of a tank when it is thrown with precision. The advantage, of course, is that the moving tank carries the grenade away from the thrower before it explodes.

The men are taught to make their destructive grenades as they advanced. They also learn to make another type of grenade: a mixture of gasoline and acids in a bottle.

This is silent until the flames it starts begin to crackle.

These tank destroyer soldiers become familiar with all types of weapons. They are experts with machine guns. They learn how to shoot from a crouching position, hopping about to make themselves more difficult targets. They are taught to protect themselves by taking advantage of the shelter of trees, brush and rocks. Their warfare is a mixture of the most primitive and the most modern.

## Sergeant 'Captures' Rare Bird—in Beer Tavern

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—For 20 years a rare, stuffed passenger pigeon stood on display in a South Main Street tavern, dusty and unrecognized until the recent visit of a Camp Grant soldier brought to light the value of this extinct bird.

The discoverer, Sgt. Charles House, a naturalist in civilian life,

recognized the pigeon among the collection of birds in the tavern of Walter Knipshield, 315 South Main Street, and revealed that although the entire group was purchased from an itinerant taxidermist for \$15, today the passenger pigeon alone is worth several hundred dollars.

Once the most numerous of all North American birds, the passenger pigeon has been extinct for almost 30 years. The sudden extinction was brought about by the vicious hunting methods used by market hunters who trapped thousands of the edible birds every day, the sergeant said.

The common expression "stool pigeon" owes its origin to those days when hunters would burn out a pigeon's eyes and tie it to a stool as a decoy. The cries of the wounded pigeon and the flutter of its wings was enough to attract many hundreds of other pigeons to the spot where they could be captured by a huge drop net.

So tremendous were the efforts of the market hunters, that by 1910 it was apparent that the passenger pigeon faced extinction, according to Sergeant House. Some efforts were made to prevent their slaughter, but restaurants paid as much as five cents for each bird and it is thought that this high price was responsible for their extinction.

The last living specimen died in a Cincinnati zoo in 1914.

## Busy Point

Monday was the 140th anniversary of the first graduation from the United States Military Academy, but West Point is too busy these days to celebrate.

The first graduating class, seven months after establishment of the Academy by act of Congress on March 16, 1802, had two members. Total graduations to date are 12,663.

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### Poetry or Action?

They say you can write poetry these days, or anyway poems, merely by putting together a lot of words that sound inimitably American, like this:

From Oshkosh on Lake Winnebago,  
From Moline and Kankakee, from the Big Huron,  
The Fox, the Snake, the Owyhee;  
From the land of Sam Adams and that other Sam—Houston,  
The yellow dust of the prairie on their boots  
And the red clay of Georgia—

Listen!

You can hear them coming. Listen . . .

And then you go on in similar vein to issue a warning to Hitler, to sell bonds, to sell enlistments and, mostly, to sell ideas. It's quite the fashion since the radio signed up for the duration.

Whether it's effective we doubt. All this flattery may be good for the American psyche, but it hurts Hitler as badly as if you hit him with a slice of buttered toast. As for bonds, bond selling should be a legitimate business (it's certainly more profitable to the consumer than most transactions), and not a simple way (as it is in some cases) to get rid of other responsibilities with profit to one's self.

And recruiting of volunteers, records of the Revolution and the War Between the States will show, has no place in time of war. Thank Secretary Stimson, General Marshall and the President we have finally awakened to that fact. The drafting of 18 and 19-year-old men soon will do away with recruiting and put manpower procurement where it belongs: in the common sense light of necessity and not in the hazy realm of dilly-dallying.

We move slowly but we seem to be taking the right direction. We are getting tougher and a little more aware with each step that we are going to have to get tougher still. Someday we may even feel big enough to break with Vichyfrance. When that happens we will have taken one more necessary step in getting this war out into the open.

### A SOLDIER EDITORIAL

#### We, the Flag

We, the flag of this nation,  
Separately, instruments for the destruction of totalitarianism,  
En masse, a symbol of the single-minded purpose to retain what by  
right of toll and blood is ours,  
Are now gathered on a far-flung battlefield;  
We are proving to ourselves, our allies, our enemies and to posterity  
That this nation, being conceived as it was in sacrifice, must contain  
the necessary groundwork of its principles within its peoples,  
That we are justified in worshiping and protecting those same  
principles,

That free peoples, here and all over the face of the earth,  
Shall, and have the right to be free!

Further, we are proving that that same justifiability shall attend  
our contention that democracy and free thinking peoples are of  
the greatest importance,

And that this is a democracy so constituted as to leave no doubts  
in our minds as to its reality.

Neither is this nation content to rest on past laurels nor does it  
desire to buy peace through treachery to the commonwealth.

It is more than a duty that we are performing;

It is more than ambition spurring us ahead;

And again, it is more than mere principles for which we are fighting;  
This mighty conflict in which we are engaged is the proof that

America is we and that we are America.

We, the flag of this nation,

Integral and inseparable, are once again testing whether we can  
long endure.

We had our great eras, our great years of other days,  
Our Washingtons, Lincolns, and Grants,  
Our Nathan Hales, Patrick Henrys, Franklins,  
Our Boones, Carsons, and Crocketts,  
Our Perrys, Jacksons, and Pershings—  
These are our days, our history, our inspiration,  
And this, our history, is rich in courage and background.  
Now, here we have them all again—all around—  
McArthur, Kelly, Doolittle,  
Marshall, Stilwell, Devereaux, Chennault,  
And the greatest of them all, Roosevelt.

We have them all again, sons of the pioneers, blood of their blood,  
bone of their bone, flesh of their flesh  
To prove again the substance and truth of that one word, freedom,  
And—  
We have our indomitable youth as always.  
God be thanked for his blessings.

By Glen L. Richardson, Overseas.

#### Prefer 'Em Dumb

Although circus trainers prefer mongrel dogs because "they are more intelligent," the Army will enlist only fully-pedigreed types in its new program to use dogs as sentries.

Perhaps the Army doesn't want the dogs to do any thinking for themselves.

#### Drum Sees Danger In Army's Dispersal

NEW YORK—Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commanding the Eastern Defense Command and First Army, told members of the Life Underwriters Association this week there was danger "in the call of our forces to be dispersed all over the world." "In our eagerness to overcome weakness everywhere, we may find ourselves strong nowhere," he said. "We must seek the real target and strike ruthlessly."



"I can hardly wait to see that one!"

#### He Didn't Know It, But—

## FDR Visited 'Rumor Factory'

By Sgt. Robert Loftus

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—It was a visit that launched a thousand rumors. And although President Roosevelt's then surprised and closely guarded visit to Camp Shelby is now more than a week old, stray rumors are still ricocheting around the post.

In the wake of the announcement, one week ago Tuesday, that all civilian employees were to leave camp by 1 o'clock, or remain cooped up in their offices until 6 o'clock, both soldiers and civilians went all out in vieing for top honors for the fanciest speculations over what was at the bottom of it all.

No slouches themselves at concocting pipe dreams, the soldiers were badly outrumored by the citizens of Hattiesburg who interpreted the announcement as a means of covering up a poison-gas drill, threatened enemy air raid, saboteurs, a visit by Churchill, General Marshall, Stimson; in fact, anyone or anything short of Mickey Mouse.

Perhaps because they had been informed that "a distinguished visitor" would visit camp, the soldiers conservatively limited their speculations to a visit by President Roosevelt, General Marshall or Secretary of War Stimson, the favorites among the speculators.

#### President's Train Arrives

But while many soldiers standing in formation, lining both sides of the right-of-way, continued their speculation over the identity of the "distinguished visitor" the President's private 10-car train backed slowly into the Shelby siding.

Among those waiting at the siding to greet Roosevelt were Paul B. Johnson, Governor of the State of Mississippi; Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commanding general, IV Army Corps; Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, commanding general, 31st Division, and Col. George M. Halloran, post commander.

The President and his party arrived at the siding at 2:55 p.m. In addition to the ever-present secret service men were Steve Early, Roosevelt's personal secretary; Rear Admiral Ross McIntyre, his personal physician, and Capt. John L. McCrea, USN.

Dressed in a dark gray pinstriped suit and wearing a dark gray felt snap-brimmed hat, President

Roosevelt made his appearance on the platform of the rear of the train shortly after the train was brought to a halt. As he did an honor guard from Company A, 337th Infantry, 85th Division, snapped to attention while the 155th Infantry band from the 31st Division struck up "Hail to the Chief."

#### Stands at Attention

During the playing of the piece President Roosevelt stood on the train platform with his hat placed at attention.

Taking his place in the automobile provided for his tour around camp, President Roosevelt briefly greeted Generals Griswold and Persons. Both General Griswold and Governor Johnson rode in the rear seat with the President while Captain McCrea occupied the front seat of the President's car.

Riding a peep, Colonel Halloran headed the tour which travelled down Warehouse Avenue, through Reception Center, up Second Avenue to Highway 24 thence to 66th Street and over to 85th Parade Grounds where the 85th Division stood in mass review for the President.

Stopping to pick up Maj. Gen. Wade Haislip, the President's car made a rapid tour through the roads, so spaced to permit the passage of his car. Then upon permitting General Haislip to descend the Presidential party moved in 18th Street to Warehouse Avenue and then back to the Shelby siding where Roosevelt conversed with Governor Johnson for nearly ten minutes.

Boarding the train the President again stood at attention as the 155th Infantry band played the "Star Spangled Banner." Following a two-hour conference aboard the train, the Presidential special pulled away from the siding and headed on the last leg of the journey to Washington.

## LETTERS

#### From Out There

Just ran across your article "What Do You Think Morale Is?" Morale is that certain something that enables us to take everything from the opposition and still yield.

The great American morale has been tested time and again and never once has it yielded. My outfit has been on foreign duty since the first of the year. We've had our homesick blues, our full share of discouragement—but when we were at our lowest the fact that we were Americans and sent out here to protect our beautiful country and our loved ones—well, that was enough to send us right to the top again. Carry on and cheerio.

Marty Davidson

#### What to Call 'Em?

We have arguments as to whether Technicians third, fourth and fifth grade are considered non-commissioned officers or not. Have they the right to have mail sent to them as corporal or sergeant? Could you give me the correct information?

Sgt. Eugene Muller

Sea Bright, N. J.

There was a WD directive as that a couple months ago. Sergeant. Said it was absolutely OK to call techs "Corporal" or "Sergeant," so we presume it's all right to address mail to them under those titles too. Also, here's a correct reading of techs: T/5 rank with but after a corporal; T/4 with but after sergeant; T/3 with but after a staff sergeant—Ed.

Never Did See Whalen . . .

# Was Under Fire in London

By CPL. ROY WILDER

CRTC, FORT RILEY, Kan.—Eighteen months with the Royal Montreal Canadians as a platoon sergeant, dive-bombed four times, touring Dublin with two American newspapermen, and embedded on the English Channel coast waiting for German invasion, Sgt. James Wallace Moran, of New York City, has come to Kansas—the middle of the nation—to get into the war of which he has heard:

He is in D-2, CRTC, serving time as a platoon sergeant.

"Only fun I had in this war was in Dublin and once in London when the Germans set fire to it—damned near burned London under," he related this week. "The fire reminded me of the New York World's Fair; I expected any minute to see Grover Whalen."

Sergeant Moran, who was given a medical discharge by the Canadian Army because of arthritis, re-enlisted in the U. S. Army through the Enlisted Reserve Corps and retained his rank as sergeant, obtained in World War I. He was regimental supply sergeant then with the 5th Ammunition Train, busy in France in the San Mihel and Meuse-Argonne offensives.

At the time of his re-enlistment he was working in Washington for the British Joint Staff Mission, as dispatcher for official cars. In New York on sick leave, he heard radio reports on the progress of the American-Free French-Canadian-British raid on Dieppe, on Aug. 19.

"I got thinking about it, figured I'd join up," he said, and did, coming here from Camp Upton, N. Y.

#### Registered Graves

After the first World War, Sergeant Moran was in France for several years. He worked in grave registration and then with a tour agency. When the second war broke out, he left his job with the Port of New

York Authority, joining the Canadian Army after two tries.

"Single man . . . what the hell . . . I had nothing to lose," he said, shaking off the rust of his forty-five years. "Besides, I wanted to go back to France; I liked the French."

Getting to England three months later, he was stationed at a camp 20 miles from Portsmouth. One morning a half dozen German dive bombers came over. They flew high; they could be heard but not seen. Then the sun caught the glint of their unfamiliar wings as they flashed downward, unloading their explosives.

#### Diver for Shelters

"Ack-ack guns were all around the camp," Sgt. Moran remembered. "But not a one was fired. Every man was in surface shelters. The planes put the fear of the Almighty in the whole lot of us. But we got used to them after a while."

The ramp was bombed furtively later, but it was in London that Sgt. Moran got a genuine taste of true analytical bombing. He was in Trafalgar Square, watching London burn in a three-hour raid, waiting for a train toward Dublin.

"You don't feel scared," he said. "But you don't feel good."

In April, 1941, he was in London again, this time during a nine-hour raid in which an estimated one thousand planes bombed the city. But he was injured by then. During the af-

ternoon he watched, from a free seat, John Gielgud in "Dear Brutus" at the Globe Theatre. The raid followed that night. Sgt. Moran watched from Hyde Park for a while, then went to bed.

The closest Sgt. Moran came to combat was during Dunkirk. His regiment's equipment had already gone across the channel; the regiment was poised for invasion. Then came the unbelievable word—route of the British. The Royal Montreal Canadians got more equipment, dug in, and waited for the German invasion which never came.

Both British and Canadian armies give seven-day leaves every three months to their troops quartered in England, Sgt. Moran said. And with the leaves the armies paid the freight. That is how he got to Dublin—"we always got as far away as possible."

"We couldn't go to Ireland in uniform," he said. "So I borrowed a pair of dirty pants and a greasy coat. Despite my clothes, I was the guest of the two American reporters for a week. They showed me everything—got me drunk to boot."

"Suited me. I just wanted to see some lights and get something to eat."

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I'll be okay soon," says "Huff-Puff," one of the Medical Replacement Training Center mascots at Camp Pickett, Va., who this week received a broken leg when she was run over by a car. Two Medical Corps officers of the 6th Medical Training Battalion splinted the leg, declare "Huff-Puff" will be well soon. The pup, who is shown here displaying the splinted leg to S/Sgt. George Shorsher, is one of the 10-weeks old puppies of "Litter Bearer," the famed MRTC dog who, even when she was an expectant mother, marched with the "Medicos" during their 45-mile hike from Camp Lee to their new station here last June.

—Photo by Medical PRO

## Moultrie Salvoes

FORT MOULTRIE, S. C.—Few soldiers come back from a furlough looking pink with health. But Pvt. Brownie Kloc, back from a 10-day stay in Lackawanna, N. Y.—he was a physical wreck.

"You look as though you'd dissipated every minute," a buddy remarked.

"That," said Brownie, with a weary shake of his head, "is putting it mildly."

#### A SHINING SOLDIER

Red-letter day in every buck private's life is the day he gets a couple stripes—and does he take a riding from the rest of the gang! One such ex-buck, a member of the 263rd Coast Artillery, began sewing on his new insignias.

"Let me paint the stripes on your fatigues," offered a tent-mate, since paint has replaced cloth chevrons on work uniforms. The new non-com was very grateful—until nightfall came. In the darkness stripes were flashing from his every fatigue shirt. The "dirty so-and-so" had used luminous paint!

#### HE ROPE 'EM IN

"I saw a funny thing," Cpl. John Cullen announced in the Headquarters barracks the other day. "A couple of soldiers threw a cow off a cliff."

"Wonder why," mused listeners. "Oh, they just wanted to see the Jersey bounce."

#### HOW NOT TO MAKE FRIENDS

A one-man campaign against Army cousin's is being waged by Cpl. Fred Handelman, Fort Moultrie's master of subtlety and repartee. Example: A soldier, dumbfounded at his girl friend turning down a date, quothed, "Well, I'm a !!/4\*&\$%!!!"

Corporal Handelman extended a cordial hand. "Pleased to know you. My name's Handelman."

#### 81st Division Officers Learn Wrestling Holds

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—If the fighting men of the 78th "Lightning" Division ever face the Japs in hand-to-hand combat, the wily yellow soldiers are going to find out they have no patent on trick wrestling holds. One officer from every company and battery in the Lightning Division is attending classes three times a week in Jui Jitsu and other forms of unarmed defense, with Capt. R. H. Ostrich, division provost marshal, as their instructor. The officers will pass on to their men the essential knowledge they need to throttle effectively any enemy they run across in a shell hole or trench.

## Sergeant Served Under MacArthur

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Sgt. John B. Hudson is mighty proud of the Purple Heart, the Victory Medal and the Medal for Service on the Mexican Border which he possesses, but more proud of the fact that he served under Gen. Douglas MacArthur with the famous Rainbow Division during World War I. He was with the 167th Infantry, a unit of the 42nd Division, better known as the Rainbow Division.

Sergeant Hudson, a member of the 1114th Service Command Unit, was awarded the Purple Heart for having been wounded in action on July 30, 1918. Actually he received his wounds on July 26, 1918. The reason for this discrepancy was the fact that he was not able to receive

medical attention until four days after he was wounded.

The "Recruiting News" of an issue of 1937, which carried a story of the 42nd Division, also described the attack on La Croix Rouge Farm in which Sergeant Hudson was wounded by shrapnel and burned severely by mustard gas. The account described the Farm as an "enormous machine gun nest in a natural stronghold. It was practically impossible to rush across the open terrain, and endeavors to work around the sides were thrown back by flanking fire. Artillery shell fire had ripped through the underbrush, and gas, made doubly dangerous by moisture, swirled about in terrible gusts. Wounded lay in mud and muck, and

there were no roads to the rear through the woods for ambulances to remove the wounded. Snipers had picked off many of the officers, and men without leaders struggled forward, with each repulse more mostly than the last. A raid at dusk was successful." It was during this raid that Sergeant Hudson, with his underarms burned raw with mustard gas, manned a machine gun and laid down a barrage for the advance of the captors.

Sergeant Hudson has had 26 distinguished years service in this man's Army, his first enlistment being in 1915. His medal for Service on the Mexican Border came as a result of the action against Mexico's Villa, and his Victory Medal, for action at Alsace Marne, Champaign Marne, and Defensive Sectors which included Luneville, Esperance and Souvain. He has seen service in Panama, and the Philippines and after 12 years in the Infantry, he did a hitch in the Coast Artillery, Ordnance, and has spent the remainder of his time in the Quartermaster as a motor mechanic. Sergeant Hudson now is assistant shop foreman of the garage at the 1114th SCU motor pool.

## Wildcats Provide and Enjoy Big Entertainment Program

CAMP RUCKER, Ala.—Entertainment for the soldiers is in full swing at this southern Army camp nestled deep in the heart of Alabama. The Special Service Office and the Public Relations Office have joined forces to expedite one of the most modern and complete schedules of entertainment in the history of the Wildcat (81st) Division.

Each week two dances are given for the men with girls from surrounding towns acting as dancing partners and music furnished alternately to the Infantry and Artillery orchestras.

Elaborate stage shows, produced by acted in, and under the direction of, the soldiers of the 81st, are frequent occurrences at the recreation buildings, theatres, and field house.

Several entertainment units are dispatched each week to various towns near camp to furnish music and individual acts for different civic organizations.

Benefit performances for the Army Emergency Relief, salvage drives, and other worthwhile activities are given regularly with each unit of the division supplying its share of entertainers.

Radio comes in for its share of publicity in the form of two newscasts weekly which deal with the latest activities of the soldiers themselves, and with a regular Sunday afternoon program of 30 minutes

duration which offers variety to the listeners. Everything from music to mirth is included in the program which is one of the favorites on the Wildcats' dialing list.

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# Wire-Laying Signalmen Have Tough Maneuver Job

HEADQUARTERS, THIRD ARMY, SOMEWHERE in LOUISIANA—Of all the forces participating in Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Third Army maneuvers in Louisiana, none has a more important and tougher job than the wire-laying and radio units of the Signal Corps.

The success of a field problem rests largely on the speed and efficiency with which these companies perform their work. Without an elaborate network of wire and radio communications, the directors of the maneuver would be greatly handicapped in their control of the large, fast-moving combat forces, scattered over a wide area of rugged terrain. During each problem, hundreds of miles of telephone wire are strung by the Signal Corps men to enable the Directors Group at Third Army headquarters to keep in touch with the fighting forces.

But this is only one phase of their arduous wire stringing activity. It is also the Signal Corps men's job to establish wire lines between the components of the combat forces.

After each field problem there is a brief interval for the fighting forces to reform, rest and clean up. But not for the signal men. While the combat units are taking it relatively easy, the signal men are doing their hardest work. For it is then that they take down the old network of wires and string entirely new system for the next problem.

Under burning suns and in torrential rains, in swamps and in jungle-like woods, they work furiously day and night to string the lines that make possible the smooth operation of the training maneuvers of their fighting buddies.

Then during the progress of the field exercise, linemen crews labor even more furiously to keep all the circuits operating. Tank treads, gun and truck wheels rip wire as if it were boiled macaroni, and storms and high winds level poles and play hob with installations. It is the signal men's job to quickly repair all these ravages and they never fail in good weather or foul, day or night.

In charge of this vital work that is being performed so outstandingly in Louisiana is Lt. Col. Robert C. Bohannon, S.C. Maj. S. B. Hoff, San Antonio, heads the Signal Section of the Third Army Directors Group.



## Best-Sellers Sell Best at Grant

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Soldier bookworms have cracked open more than 250,000 books since June 1, 1941, when the Camp Grant library flung its doors open to all comers with Carolyn Binder, librarian, pitching 'em.

The recent Victory Book Campaign increased the original number of 6000 held by this library to a comprehensive 21,000, most of which are presented to individual com-

panies to be housed in tent or barrack to be perused at leisure.

Records reveal that since the distribution of victory books to the living quarters of the soldiers, withdrawals from the main library have dropped to 23,000 from customary monthly withdrawals of more than 40,000. This indicates, said Miss Binder, that the men are doing much of their reading in their quarters.

Despite a warring world the fighting folk on this garrison are suckers for sonnets and odes for they display a marked interest in anything poetical. Also the non-fiction shelves get a play that is entirely out of proportion with civilian libraries for almost half of the tomes borrowed from here are non-fiction. Ranking high in this class are Davies' "Moscow"; Werfel's "The Song of Bernadette"; De Seversky's "Victory Through Air Power," and Miss Bennett's "Reveille in Washington."

Well-thumbed and dog-eared pages in Zane Grey's and Edgar Rice Burroughs' tomes reveal them to be favorites among many. Popular, too, are "Mrs. Miniver," "What Makes Sammy Run," "All This and Heaven Too," "Kings Row," "Studs Lonigan," "Benjamin Blake," "How Green Was

motion? His arrival at OCS? No . . . no, you're wrong. The most glorious moment in a soldier's life is the moment he returns from a 15-mile hike, goes in the barracks, removes his shoes, and shoves his feet in a pan of soothing water . . . ah-h-h-h.

### Holds First Review

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—The 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. M. B. Ridgway, held its first review at Fort Bragg last Saturday morning, honoring the commanding general of the division's new permanent station, Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy.

Brigadier General Kennedy stood beside Major General Ridgway while the hardened fighting men of the 82nd swung past in review on the grounds just north of the division area.

It was the first time that one of the Army's newly created airborne divisions had been assembled in full strength for such a ceremony, all units of the 82nd having gathered here following transfer of the division from Camp Claiborne, La.

**SHORT STORY**

Not so long ago a certain company of the 81st Division went to a certain spot in the woods to bivouac. A first sergeant with a pleasant puss—A recruit in town on his first visit who doesn't have that shiny look about him from scrubbing so hard—A newly-made non-commissioned officer who doesn't glance now and then at the stripes on his sleeve—A table in the mess hall without at least one chow hound—And hot coffee at breakfast.

**BOSTACY**

Do you think the most glorious moment in a soldier's life is any of the following: Payday? His first furlough? Chow-time? His first date in a month of Sundays? His first pro-

"My Valley," and "War and Peace."

Joe Army likes his humor and he gets his most copious draughts of it from a couple of Smith boys—Thorne, whose last was "The Passionate Witch"—and H. A. who still rolls 'em in the aisles with "Low Man on a Totem Pole."

Attendance records at the Camp Library disclose that though as few as 50 books may be withdrawn, as many as 2928 officers and men have visited the shelves in one day.

Informational books which go hand in hand with training here cause such tomes as "Military Medical Manual," "Map and Aerial Photo Reading," Gray's "Anatomy" and "Meat Cutting," to pretty persistent handling.

The latter book was returned once with a strip of bacon serving as a bookmark for some aspiring, but forgetful, young student cook.

**SMALL BEGINNING**

# Whew! They Can Keep This Record

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—Soldiers at Camp San Luis Obispo don't claim to have seen them all, but they are betting that the new obstacle course on the range here will be about the toughest on the Pacific Coast, if not in the country.

## Barkeley Pillbox

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Members of Headquarters Detachment, MRTC, are wondering if they're using GI biscuits instead of ammunition these days.

Maj. Joseph Federbush, detachment commander, who is gaining a reputation for his spontaneous witicismisms and ad-libbing, was addressing the cadres in the RB Building.

"If there are any records that you men would like to have in the Recreation Hall," said the major, "let us know, and we'll try to get them for you. If you want it, we'll even try to get you that new song, 'Praise the Lord and Pass the Biscuits!'

The end of September brought the maturity value of war bonds sold among MRTC personnel to the grand total of \$1,132,592, with four of the huge training battalions and numerous sub units batting 100 per cent in participation, according to the headquarters of Brgl. Gen. Roy C. Heffebower, MRTC commanding general. The number of bonds sold in the center since the drive began a few months ago totals 18,707.

Pvt. Foy A. Naler, cadreman of Co. B, 63rd Bn., MRTC, was looking for a comfortable place to sleep while out on bivouac with his battalion.

Private Naler found three empty beds in a collecting station tent and climbed into one for the night.

He awoke the next morning, refreshed after a sound sleep. He rolled over and saw someone sleeping in the bunk on his left. It was Lt. Dale Runyon, battalion Special Service officer. He looked to his right. There was Lt. Col. Joseph Hornisher, battalion commander.

Private Naler is reported to have established a record for the 100-yard dash.

### SMALL BEGINNING

Lt. Herbert Moore, commander of Co. D, 57th Med. Tng. Bn., was scanning the first passes issued his trainees. Everything was in order, until he arrived at one particular pass. It was made out to "View, Texas" (population about 100).

When the trainee in question arrived at the company office for his pass, Lieutenant Moore asked why View, and not Abilene (population of about 40,000). To that, the trainee drawled:

"I'm from a small town myself, so I want to start out easy. First pass for View; then I can gradually work up to a big city like Abilene."

**LIZARDS** are the most common pet of soldiers on maneuvers in the California deserts.



**PRISONERS SEARCHED**—When soldiers of enemy forces on maneuvers with the Second Armored Division in Middle Tennessee are captured and taken prisoner, they are first questioned and searched by intelligence officers and then taken to a prison camp, where they are again searched by Military Police. Pictured above is a group of prisoners, their arms lying on the ground, being searched by Sgt. William T. Wyatt. Cpl. Frederick Eichholz covers prisoners.

—Signal Corps Photo

## Bliss Bits

**By T/3rd Oscar Williams**  
**FORT BLISS, Tex.**—Generals who weren't generals were in the news at Fort Bliss last week. One "general" was going to make stab for the bars of a second lieutenant. He is Cpl. General J. Nobles of Reception Center, who was selected to attend Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. The Quartermaster Corps here was assumed at a general who could draw clothing free of charge. He is Lt. General Harris of the 1st Medical Squadron.

### DON'T KNOW

A buck sergeant who knew Chiang Kai Shek for 20 years has been commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Bliss. Second Lt. Franklin A. Buckner, 35th Military Police Battalion, on being commissioned was ordered to report to Fort Sam Houston for duty. He spent years in the Orient with his father, a missionary of the Shanghai area. He speaks Chinese fluently and hopes to get into intelligence work overseas.

**Sgt. Oscar C. Hinkel**, a veteran cavalryman of the 1st Cavalry Division known for his fine horsemanship, returned from Third Army maneuvers last week to learn that he had been a second lieutenant for more than a week. He was not notified of the appointment in the field.

An officer who recently broke his nose negotiating his own obstacle course, Capt. Charles W. Jones, has been detailed as aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift, commanding the Cavalry Division. Captain Jones was stationed with the 14th Cavalry near Tucson when he built the course on which he was injured. He once worked as a foal-seller in the famous Whitney stables.

**TAUGHT JAPS**  
 The master sergeant who taught Fort Bliss officers and non-coms the responsibility of teaching tough and showy bayoneting is returning to the post this week as a captain. Capt. Marius Bronkhorst, recently promoted, will take selected men of Lt. Col. 1st Cavalry Division through a course of instruction in bayonet-work, lasting a week. An expert years' of experience, Captain Bronkhorst shortly after World War taught Japanese troopers the art.

**ALL FROM MAINE**  
 A distinctive characteristic of the General Hospital's staff at Fort Bliss is that all the doctors and nurses are drawn from the state of Maine. The Surgeon General's office asked the Maine General Hospital to organize an affiliated hospital unit in its organization was placed in the hands of Lt. Col. Roland B. Moore, the present commander.

The 51 officers and 66 nurses in the unit are volunteers who were born or educated in Maine who lived there. They're still talking about Louisiana maneuvers in the 1st Cavalry division here, and one of the stories they tell refers to Sgt. Edgar M. Beaver, Headquarters Detachment, Cavalry Division. Beaver was fast asleep in his pup tent one night, when suddenly something flopped down on his leg. "Get out quick!" he cried to his mate. "There's a snake in here." He left his tent so rapidly that the whole business collapsed on his petrified chum. Before they could get out, they discovered the cause was a boot that had slipped the tent pole onto Sgt. Beaver's

**HOUSE**  
 Cavalry corporal appeared at the Bliss billeting office, asking for quarters for himself and wife. "How many rooms?" asked the stenographer, a civilian employee. "Oh, about 14," if you have it," said the corporal. "You want it for a couple of you, a whole regiment," the stenographer laughed.

At a moment later she learned corporal was Cpl. Pasquale DiCarlo, who had recently been transferred from Fort Riley, Kans., and awaiting his wife, Gloria Vannella, the heiress.

Now 80 per cent of 1st Cavalry division troopers are making alimony from their monthly payrolls to purchase War Savings Bonds. Capt. John G. Anderson, Director War Bond officer, reported.

Lieutenant who has done KP latrine duty for a month without knowing of his commission has finally been promoted to his real this week.

2nd Lt. Ben Johnston, Wash-



**A FOX-HOLE** view of a 28-ton General Grant tank is none too reassuring but a soldier whose fox-hole is overrun by a tank has a good chance of coming out unhurt. This picture was taken from a fox-hole dug during Second Army's Middle Tennessee maneuvers.

## An Open Letter to All Infantrymen'

**By Sgt. Louis Montelione, Co. I,  
 318th Infantry, Camp Forrest, Tenn.**

This short treatise is not an apology or even a defense for the Infantry: it is simply a statement of facts as experienced by armies have shown.

The daily and weekly periodicals have brought out the glitter and the shine of the more spectacular aspects of the combat units such as the Air Corps and the Tank Corps. Few who enter the Army have any concept

of the Infantry, as to its scope and purpose, except as one recruit put it, "It is the lowest branch of the service which requires a strong back and a weak mind."

To correct in part this erroneous

concept I have ventured to write this, to let those persons know who are about to enter the Infantry and that personnel which is already in it, that the Infantry is the nucleus upon which battles are won or lost.

No ground can be considered taken until it is occupied by the Infantry, all other branches of the combat team simply operate to serve this purpose. The use of aerial bombing alone, or the field artillery alone, or both together cannot win battles.

All branches of the combat arms simply serve as part of the softening process, to terrify and scatter the enemy forces, to destroy their morale and to annihilate the enemy's striking force, so that the Infantry can take and hold the ground.

There are other considerations to be evaluated. Sometimes climatic and geographical factors make it unsuitable for the use of tanks and airplanes, such as jungle, mountainous country, frozen lands, or places of extreme heat, where even if mechanized forces could be used, their use would be limited insofar as they could get proper lubrication for the prevailing weather and temperature and the distance from their base of supplies makes it a limited range of operations.

It is here where the role of the Infantry appears in a better light. The Infantry does not consist of a conglomeration of Johnny Doughboys, "with strong backs and weak minds."

An Infantryman has to have great physical endurance. He has to be a man in every sense of the word. Only a man can hike for 35 to 40 miles, to endure the variegated weather conditions and still be able to fight.

He cannot be an imbecile, either.

It takes a certain degree of intelligence to comprehend the care of and the tactical use of a rifle, machine gun, mortar, or an anti-tank gun. In addition to a "strong back" the Infantryman has to have a cool and calculating mind as well.

There is no obstacle which a well trained, properly disciplined and physically fit Infantryman cannot surmount. For most any kind of an obstacle the Infantry has an answer, and if it hasn't it calls upon the other arms. For attacking aircraft anti-aircraft guns, our own air force and for low flying planes, the rifleman; for enemy tanks the anti-tank guns, land mines, tank traps; for enemy personnel a fighting mad Doughboy who has plenty of white matter and hardened muscle, and a belief in his fighting prowess and in his cause.

This branch of combat has adapted itself to modern technique of battle. There is an airborne infantry, transported in transports and gliders; there is a motorized infantry for greater mobility and to follow in the wake of tanks, and finally there are the foot troops. Their missions, in essence, are the same, to hit the enemy hard and to hold the ground taken.

As long as Johnny has confidence in his weapons, in his buddies, his leaders and has a belief in his cause, as long as he thinks he's the best damn soldier in the world, who and what can stop him? Multiply him by a few millions and they are unstoppable.

Johnny Doughboy's petroleum is his blood, his spark-plug is his spirit, and his motors are his own two legs.

The Infantry is still the Queen of Battles and the Infantryman the ruler.

## Crockett MP's Have New Signal System

**FORT CROCKETT, Tex.**—Efficiency of Fort Crockett's Military Police Detachment to speed to and cope with disturbances has been increased since the latest two-way communications transmitter and receiver equipment was installed a week ago.

The new equipment insures military personnel and citizens of a real modern and streamlined protection setup, greatly improved over the old system.

Sergeant Moore, command of the guard, described the new two-way communications equipment to a reporter, and added a vivid demonstration of just what could be done on the job.

Picture the M. P. cruiser making its regular 12-hour patrol run. Suddenly a red light flashes on the radio panel. The corporal in the cruiser picks up the receiver.

Over in M. P. headquarters a message had come through reporting a disturbance at an area a short dis-

tance away. Headquarters telephoning this message to the cruiser.

Back in the cruiser, the message is received, and seconds later, M. P.'s are at the scene of the disturbance on the job.

In like manner, the cruiser can contact headquarters.

Sergeant Moore said three minutes after the message has been received at headquarters, the M. P.'s arrive at the scene of the disturbance. Efficiency of the equipment has been successfully tested and effective as far away as Texas City.

Under the old system the M. P. cruiser would stop at various guardposts for messages from headquarters.

WAAC barracks under construction, and wished heartily that she were stationed here, which is near her home in El Paso, rather than being assigned to the recruiting service at San Antonio.

Third Officer (second lieutenant) Charlie L. Kelly, brought to the post by an old El Paso schoolmate, Capt. E. L. Polster, got an inside view of the future homes for the women of the Army. She said she thought the buildings looked "grand."

### DRIVES A BUGGY

First Lt. Fred J. Hughes, Jr., of Headquarters Troop, 7th Cavalry, has put aside his automobile for the duration, and is now driving an "Irish rig," or training cart, around the post.

The horse-drawn cart seats two and is resplendently colored. Lieutenant Hughes also gave a buggy to his commanding officer, Col. Glenn Finley.

**CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.**—Five in one and one to go!

Briefly, that tells the story of Pvt. Patrick J. Mills' family, who are all out in the war effort, if ever any family was all out.

A member of Co. A, 53rd Medical Training Battalion, Mills is 44 years old and comes from Los Angeles. He was preceded into the service by two sons and a son-in-law, with three branches of the service represented.

His son Kenneth, 19, enlisted in the Marine Corps last year and is now a private first class stationed at San Diego. An adopted son, John Davis Berkeley, 27, has enlisted for a second hitch in the Navy, and is a boatswain's mate second class, stationed at the naval training station at Paschal, Wash. A son-in-law, John

Angelini, 28, is an aerial photographer in the Navy.

"I have another son, too," said Private Mills. "Richard will be 18 in February and is going to enlist in the Marine Corps soon after his birthday. And this week I learned that my wife has taken a war job with the Lockheed plant in California."

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# Motor School Trains Drivers for Mobile War

## Practical Course Ends a Seven-Mile Driving Exam Over Tough Road

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—This is a mobile Army—an Army that rolls into battle in a score of different vehicles. Transportation must be swift and sure—unless it is, an Army can't expect to launch lightning attacks, take the enemy by surprise.

To keep 'em rolling, the Army is training experienced drivers and mechanics—men who can drive over almost any terrain or make quick repairs under the most trying and difficult conditions imposed by modern combat.

The training of top-notch drivers and mechanics is the function of a Motor Maintenance and Drivers' School, recently installed by Third Army in a pine clearing at the southeast corner of Camp Livingston.

The drivers win their "spurs" the hard way—as a "final exam" they take their vehicles over a tough, seven-mile obstacle course that would put the Rocky Road to Dublin to shame.

Over narrow, rocky, winding woodland lanes the boys take their big and little trucks, command cars, weapons carriers—all types of vehicles. The road bends around narrow curves, up steep grades, through creeks and mudholes. It zips precariously past tree trunks, over weeds and underbrush, bounces over bumps and depressions of assorted sizes and forms.

### Road Is Treacherous

Part of it runs up a creek and then up and over treacherous, sandy terrain on the beaches. Riding a roller coaster is tame compared to riding with one of these crack Army drivers over the "test road."

The drivers take it fast—they have to—to get past the mudholes. They squeeze through openings between trees that look as though even a Jeep couldn't get past.

At one point, the road is actually impossible. The trucks splash through a creek, then pull into a muddy spot fully a quarter of a block long. Ruts, and there are lots of them, are two feet or more deep. Old tree trunks jut up to furnish immovable obstacles. Drivers squirm their trucks through the slime instead of being able to "gun" their way through.

As an indication of the course's toughness, only four of the last 50 drivers have pulled their trucks out of "mud traps" without aid. But the instructors "planned it that way." The drivers get training in pulling their vehicles out of the mud in this way—they learn to attach windlass cables to trees or other trucks and work their way to solid ground.

### Civilians Help

The drivers' school is under the expert direction of Charles H. Dill, Third Army civilian automotive advisor. It's his job to furnish Third Army units with first class drivers—and he's doing it.

Student drivers come from Third Army units in this vicinity. If they pass an aptitude test given them upon reporting, they are enrolled



**TEARING DOWN** a motor and putting it back together again—with no parts left over—is all in the day's work. Here a group of soldier-students, under the watchful eye of Automotive Advisor Charles H. Dill, are putting together a dismantled motor. Others in the photo are: Pvt. Lewis Johnson, Sgt. Ralph Childs, Staff Sgt. James M. Cobb, Pvt. William H. McDonald and Sgt. Anthony Hydzinsko.

for the course.

The men are divided into classes of ten. The drivers' course is divided into some 22 different subjects, each under a qualified instructor.

Each student brings his "own" vehicle to school for the course. They study the Army drivers' guide and phrases of first echelon maintenance and roadside repairs. Then as a "finishing" touch, come the obstacle course.

Last week 50 qualified drivers graduated from this section of the school, jolted their way over the obstacle course on commencement day.

Organized in early September, the new school is administered by military personnel and staffed for the most part, by civilian instructors. The school has been divided into seven sections, each under a separate instructor. They are led by Thomas McGilless, Third Army Automotive Advisor at Livingston, aided by advisors and instructors from Livingston and Beauregard units.

### Is Complete Course

In the first section, an Inspector foreman conducts classes in inspections, lubrications, use of hand and power tools and the echelons of motor maintenance.

The second section devotes its time to the motor, its operation and make-up—from the tiniest bolt or wire to the completed motor itself. Workings of pistons, rings, connecting rods, bearings and other parts are explained in detail. Ignition is the business of the third section.

Here the students learn the electrical system of a vehicle from spark plug to exhaust. The studies include elementary electricity and the workings of the battery, starter, generator, plugs, distributor and lighting set-ups.

Study of transmission and transfer cases make up the fifth section's activities. Students learn about power take-offs and operation of clutches, transmission, propeller shafts and universal joints. The sixth section is where front and rear axles, both live and dead, are studied. Frames, springs, steering gears, wheels, tires and tubes come in here as well.

### Brakes Are Stressed

Last, but important, is the seventh section devoted to brakes. Students are crammed full of knowledge of the workings and makeup of all types of brakes—mechanical, hydraulic, electric, air and vacuum.

The school has enough instructors to insure almost individual attention as each teacher is assigned to a group of but six or seven men. Each instructor and his detail make the entire round of the seven sections of instruction during the school's eight weeks' course.

The school is under the direct supervision of Lt. Col. Charles W. Savage, Camp Beauregard, Third Army training and operations officer. He is assisted by Major Robert E. Rennard, also from Beauregard; Major E. C. Heininger of the 177th QM Bn., and Capt. L. O. Heldtke of the 57th Ordnance Regiment.

Lt. H. H. Deane, Maintenance, and 2nd Lt. E. M. McMahon, Motor Pool, who is also attending the QM Motor Transport School in Maryland.

Six lieutenants, recently graduated from this very course, have been assigned to the faculty to cope with the planned expansion which hopes to graduate 80 officers every two weeks. They are: Second Lieutenants D. W. Cooper, A. T. Stoddard, S. J. Kortvese, E. D. Vaughn, C. R. Hubeny, and R. E. Watts.

As I felt her kiss she left me

With a sudden whispered taunt,  
With, no doubt, her lust requited  
But for me an empty want!

Now my nights are filled with longing

As I view my plight with shame  
In my ears that hating murmur  
And my soul consumed with flame

So I lie here gaunt and ailing,  
And my careless sin confess  
As the quinine's slowly curing  
An anopheline's caress!

—By ZYL, in "Thunderbird"  
Mm-Hmth Parachute Ba  
Caribbean Area.

MAIL QUESTION

**WAVES Free,  
WAACs Nix**

The War Department this week explained its order rescinding free postage privileges to the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps by pointing out that the postal law giving the right to soldiers specifies it is privilege intended for "members of armed forces."

The Navy's WAVES, on the other hand, will continue to send the mail postage free because the establishing them puts them in the Navy. The WAACs are auxiliary serving "with."

This same technicality, the War Department said, prevents use of the mails free by members of Army Specialists Corps. Belief expressed, unofficially, that privilege would be extended to WAACs with the drawing up of amendment to the postal laws.

**Cut 'Digest'**  
PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y.—Beginning next month, individual copies of Reader's Digest will be sold at Army posts at a special reduced rate of 15 cents, the publishers announced this week.

**Army Defines 'First Aid'**  
**And Limits Use of Term**

The term "first aid" will be applied by the Army hereafter only to the medical measures which the individual soldier, aside from the Army Medical Department, can carry with the equipment and facilities at his disposal, the War Department announces. For all measures, emergency or otherwise, employed by personnel of the Medical Department the term "treatment" will be



**GENERAL MUD** is hard on soldier student-drivers at the Third Army Motor School's obstacle course, Camp Livingston, La. Here a heavy truck bogs down on the 7-mile strip of tortuous road that drivers must push through before "graduation." But Sgt. J. A. Turner and Pvt. Ernest Maness are learning first hand how to handle such an emergency.

—Signal Corps Photo

## Officers Trained to Handle Trucks

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Wherever there are Signal Corps men, there are Signal Corps trucks. Such is the underlying theme of the Supply and Transport Section of the Officers' Training Department of the Eastern Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth.

Recently augmented by a number of new courses, the training follows a well-rounded pattern that inspires the lieutenants, captains, majors, and even a lieutenant colonel to "Get the Message Through" and the trucks too.

Under the supervision of Capt. F. H. Riordan, a Command and General Staff School graduate, officer students go through a six-week course of training that includes vehicle operation, maintenance, driving, motor care, and road courtesy.

### Train on Jersey Coast

"Somewhere" at the edge of the Jersey Coast, trucks are literally riding on air as they are cabled across 160-foot chasms, pulled over on strands of wire that are part of the standard equipment of winch trucks. At another point close by, other trucks are climbing cliffs so steep that the average man has to crawl up the slope gingerly on his hands and knees. At still another point, trucks are converted into amphibians, crossing streams in minutes, floating on pontooned tarpaulins, instead of taking hours of waiting for engineers to construct a temporary bridge.

Also a part of the six week training course are night convoys, in which trucks file into the blackness, with only combat lights indicating the presence of the car ahead. Each convoy usually bumps into what was originally intended to be an insurmountable obstacle—a road block laid down and conceived as though it had been planted by the enemy to hinder progress. And it's the job of the convoy to get through.

Another feature of the training course, which has proven quite popular, is a combination map-reading, paper-chase, and treasure hunt.

### Day Rooms Added at Custer

FORT CUSTER, Mich.—Thirty company day rooms at Fort Custer are to be furnished at a cost of \$300 each by Red Cross Chapters in the local American Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service Council. It has been announced by the local field director, Mr. Walter C. Stubbs.

### MacArthur's Son Wants Only To Be Corporal

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Four-year-old Arthur MacArthur, son of the famous general, doesn't want to be a general—he wants to be a non-com.

At Nurses Mess on Corregidor, while Japanese shells crashed outside the Rock, the youngster was asked whether he wanted to be a general like his father.

"Oh, no, I want to be a corporal," he replied, according to Capt. Florence MacDonald, assistant chief nurse at the Lovell General Hospital here who managed to escape from Corregidor before it fell.

### No Skis for Sport? Too Bad But AAF Uses Wood

HILL FIELD, Utah.—If winter sport fans aren't able to buy new skis this year, they can blame it on a certain ex-painter—you know, the one who's now taking such a good

slackening over Europe. It's like this—Hitler started the war; the United States joined in; a war requires planes; planes require engines; engines have to be tested; test propellers are made of wood; therefore—no skis.

At Hill Field, as well as at many other supply depots throughout the country, airplane engines are serviced and repaired, and before being reinstalled on planes, must be mounted on engine blocks and tested. For this purpose, instead of the

### 'New Army Game' Tops Fort Bragg Sports List

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Touch football, used for a number of years in colleges and universities throughout the country as a part of their intramural athletic program, is now on the top of the list of sports for

troops at Fort Bragg.

When one considers the need of the Army of today—fast, hard hitting, untiring and alert soldiers—it is not surprising that touch football is being looked upon by Army officers as the sport that best fits into

the training program. "The New Army Game" was the title given touch football by Maj. John V. Grombach in an article in the Infantry Journal. And that is just what Fort Bragg is finding it to be.

"No game, sport, or recreational activity could give better tactical or physical training, especially when we realize that the team members in this new Army game are members of the same combat team in battle," Major Grombach wrote after making a study of the game in relation to training needs.

Touch football has many advantages over regulation football as a sport for large numbers of men. Notable among these are that equipment is limited, and playing fields do not have to be of the same standard as required for the regulation game. It can be played almost anywhere. Also, injuries are less frequent because in touch football tackling is eliminated and body blocking is restricted. It is far from a "sissy" game, however.

Fort Bragg authorities are finding that men in organizations that showed little inclination in the past to enter in league competition have formed teams and are spending many hours off duty getting their squads in shape. On the main post alone there are eight teams playing league games, while there are many more teams engaged in the sport without formal schedules.

So, you ski-flelds, handle your slide-sticks with care this winter, and don't go gaily gelandsprunging all over the landscape unless you really know what you're doing.

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# The Army Quiz

We figure eight out of ten is a pretty good score on this because it's the best we can do without looking at the answers.

So far, the armies of the world have figured out only so many ways of releasing gas in warfare. How many?

Three      Four  
Five      Six

If you've been in the Army three or more you ought to know what is meant by "zeppelins in a

A—High altitude balloons.  
B—Tanks rolling up behind gas barrage.  
C—Sentry on Post No. 9 on a bad night.  
D—Frankfurters and potatoes.

What is the combat uniform of U. S. Infantryman?  
A—Uniform of the day.  
B—Khaki dungarees.  
C—Undress "B".  
D—Undress "A".

Everyone knows the Intrepid of the Green Mountain Boys is Ethan Allen. But of what state is he a native?  
Mont      New Hampshire  
Massachusetts

5. It's a long, long way to Tipperary, they say. In what country is it?

Ireland      England      Wales

6. First thing you do when treating a foot blister you picked up on the road is:

- A—Let the water out.
- B—Paint it with Iodine.
- C—Remove the skin over it.
- D—Cover with zinc oxide.

7. Without looking at the map, tell us which continent the Panama Canal calls home:

Central America      North America  
South America

8. How should wet leather be dried?

- A—Slowly in the shade.
- B—Near warm radiator or furnace.
- C—In the sun.

9. Pity the West Pointer. He can't have three of the things listed below:

Furloughs      Wife      Jewelry  
Mustache      A Horse      A Car

10. At the Point, a "plebe" is otherwise known as a:

1st Classman      2nd Classman  
3rd Classman      4th Classman  
(Answers on This Page)

## To Be a Soldier . . .

By Sgt. Charles House, Camp Grant, Ill.

He sat in the back row of St. Mary's chapel at Camp Grant, his fellow did. He knew the bride-to-be. Girl from Belvidere. Me Evelyn.

He fidgeted a little in the back seat there. He wished now that man with him had helped him to a seat farther down front, it was a kindness, he supposed, that the man felt when he sat in the back. People stare, you know. First they'd notice his crippled legs and then his uniform. Maybe the man is right. Back here not so much notice would be taken.

Pretty soon the music started and he had to stretch some to look at the bride. She looked awfully pretty in her white gown. Carried roses, too, and some little flowers were fastened to the crown of her veil. Orange blossoms, he guessed.

There was some business up there in front and he couldn't see it all. Sometimes the lady in front of him would lean forward and he'd catch a glimpse of the soldier standing tall and proud above his bride. It was a good sight. He felt warm.

He could hear the voice of Chaplain Barnabas McAlarney, and the soldiers'. He listened.

"I, Robert Pyszka, take thee, Evelyn Sullivan, for my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part."

He didn't know how pretty a wedding ceremony could be. He hadn't ever seen one before. He liked this.

"With this ring I thee wed, and I plight unto thee my troth." He was glad he'd come. At first he didn't want to because he looked at him so much.

Somewhere out of sight a fellow began to sing "Ave Maria," what with the song, and the bride and groom standing up there that, and the flowers—he got a funny feeling in his spine. It's funny, you know, to feel funny like that, sometimes. Music and stuff. Then it was over, and he wondered—this fellow in the uniform—he wondered if maybe he mightn't get married some day in a chapel of the United States Army. If they'd take him, that is, he thought, you know, and that.

Weddings were awfully pretty and he might not ever get married unless they could do something about his legs. Anyway, he'd have plenty of time to decide about marriage. Years, even. He has only ten.

## Camp Fire Department Gets Credit for Saving Town

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—That the quick response of the Camp Crowder fire department prevented a disastrous blaze from sweeping the town of Bella, Mo., was the consensus of military and civilian officials in that community last week.

One woman lost her life and another suffered a broken leg in the fire which apparently started with an explosion in the furnace of the hospital. For three hours artificial respiration was used on the asphyxiated woman, but without success.

under the direction of Fire Chief Claude V. Cox. The blaze was soon extinguished with the aid of the Camp Crowder facilities after 600 feet of hose had been laid from the creek at the edge of the town.

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FORT GRABE, N. C.—Family traditions are being continued even though sons are in the Army.

Pfc. Ermonno Pietriani has always had a cake trimmed with green icing on his birthday, and this year was no exception. His family wrote to the Red Cross at Fort Bragg asking if he could have such a cake, money being enclosed to pay for it.

The cake, with green icing and 26 candles, was served on his birthday at noon mess, much to the surprise of Private Pietriani.

Well-organized and fully-equipped kitchen cars can be quickly assembled and stocked for the lengthy journeys, but care is taken in arranging for the return of surplus food and other supplies at the destination. The kitchen cars, complete with refrigerators, butchers' blocks and stoves, are converted baggage cars ingeniously planned for the preparation of meals by regular Army cooks en route.

No matter what type of movement is involved, the comfort of the soldier and his well-being are always of prime importance. This is demonstrated by the fact that all overnight trips made by soldiers are handled with first-class Pullman equipment. Major Weisman, pointing out that the Army can't do absolutely everything, advised all soldiers encountering delays in cities en route to use USO facilities for food, sanitation and comfort.

## WO Promotion Power Given Unit Commanders

Authorization to appoint enlisted men to temporary rank of warrant officer, junior grade, (AR 610-15, 12 Aug. 1942) has been extended to additional unit commanders by Changes No. 1, dated 28 Sept. 1942. The directive follows:

Appointing authorities—<sup>a</sup>. The following commanders are authorized to appoint temporary warrant officers, junior grade (except warrant officers, Army Mine Planter Service, and warrant officers, band leaders), to fill authorized vacancies within the units or installations under their control:

(1) Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

(2) Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

(3) Commanding General, Services of Supply.

(4) Commanding generals, departments.

(5) Commanding generals, defense commands.

(6) Commanding generals, theaters of operations, base commands, and like commands outside the United States.

## Now at Fort Knox: Home From the Wars

**GPL. TANSEY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH "TOMMY"—"HE IS A GREAT FIGHTER AND HIS COOLNESS UNDER FIRE IS AMAZING!"**

**DURING WILLKIE'S VISIT THE YANKS WERE "STUKA'D"—THE HOOSIER SHOWED THAT HE WAS AS GOOD A GROUNDHOG AS ANY OF THEM—**



## Moving Soldiers RTO's Job

FORT SILL, Okla.—Whenever a troop train of trainees enters or leaves the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center of Fort Sill, it is the staggering job of Maj. Milton H. Weisman and his staff to handle all arrangements in the Rail Transportation Office.

The detail involved in handling even a few dozen men in a transfer order is endless, but the RTO staff are experts in every phase of troop movement. They are responsible for the reception of all soldiers coming into the Replacement Center by rail and bus as well as for shipping all men tagged for other posts.

Picture a crowd of 500 tired, hungry soldiers, unaccustomed to military routine, stepping off a train with a load of baggage—and you have a fair picture of the Rail Transportation Office's task. Here is the way the matter is handled:

**Directed from Sound Trucks**

A short time before the troops are due to arrive, trucks are requisitioned (each holds 10 men) from Replacement Center motor pools. The Military Police are summoned to direct traffic. Sound trucks, with skilled men at the microphones, are spotted in key positions to direct the actual unloading of soldiers, telling the new arrivals where to assemble and what to do.

"On occasion," explains Major Weisman, "we have unloaded over 500 men, entrucked them and driven the entire load away from the Fort Sill terminal in a total of nine minutes."

In the case of outgoing troops, the procedure is more complicated. All orders for outgoing shipments come from Washington and the destinations of soldiers leaving the Fort Sill Replacement Center must be kept a strict secret by the RTO staff, Replacement Center Headquarters and the railroad agents directly involved in the movement.

**Meals Biggest Problem**

The biggest problem in shipments is the supplying of meals en route. If more than 100 men are leaving on a trip of longer than 24 hours, kitchen cars must be provided; less than 100 men are given meal checks for meals up to \$1.00 in value. Sometimes, on shorter trips, the soldiers are provided with box lunches and thermos-bottled hot drinks.

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kitchen cars can be quickly assembled and stocked for the lengthy journeys, but care is taken in arranging for the return of surplus food and other supplies at the destination. The kitchen cars, complete with refrigerators, butchers' blocks and stoves, are converted baggage cars ingeniously planned for the preparation of meals by regular Army cooks en route.

## Soldiers Sit in Rain to See Shows

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—Neither wind nor rain nor the cold of October nights in northern New York keep the enlisted men from coming to the Pine Camp Open Air Theatre to see the comic antics of Mickey Mouse or the robust love-making of Gable or Tracy.

The theatre is located in the National Guard Area for the entertainment of the men stationed under canvas in that vicinity and has a seating capacity of 850. When it

was first opened, early last summer, the plan was to issue rain checks, but the first night of rain proved that somebody misunderstood soldier psychology.

When the manager announced that rain checks would be given out or their money refunded at the ticket office the men rose almost as one and yelled, "Nuts on the rain checks, we want to see the show," and that's how it has been ever since.

If the weather is threatening, most

of the men bring raincoats. Those who have forgotten do not seem particularly annoyed if rain comes. They just ignore it disdainfully and go on enjoying the picture.

The cold near-freezing temperatures of October nights in the old north country is no obstacle to the soldiers either. They come with overcoats and blankets, with an extra helping of meat and potatoes under their belts.



**TOWERING** 23 feet above Cpl. Wilbur R. Dachenbach, designer and carver, this highly-colored, full-sized totem pole overlooks the 4th Training Center. Interested in Indian lore and crafts, Corporal Dachenbach whittled and chiseled the dainty bit of statuary during after-duty hours. Symbolic of the Replacement Training Center, the pole contains the figure of an artilleryman carrying a shell, a typical Indian mask, the 4th Regiment shield, and is surmounted by a grim American eagle.

### Kidron, Pershing's Famed Horse, Dies

**FRONT ROYAL**, Va.—Gen. John J. Pershing's favorite horse, Kidron, which was his mount in the Paris Victory Parade in 1919, died last Saturday evening while in pasture at the Quartermaster Remount Depot here.

Kidron, a thoroughbred gelding, was purchased from the French government in 1918 by the United States Army, and in the following year purchased by General Pershing for his personal use. Brought back to this country after the World War, the animal was used by the general until he was retired to the Front Royal remount depot in 1935. He was 31 years old.

As one of General Pershing's favorite mounts, Kidron made many public appearances while stabled at Fort Myer and Front Royal before his retirement. The animal was a chestnut with blaze face and two hind stockings, standing 16.2 hands and weighing 1,200 pounds. He was foaled in 1911, and was by Lady Killer out of Kinross.

### No Wet Matches in Army's Newly-Adopted Match Box

A new floating match box equipped with striking bars that will enable United States soldiers to get a light no matter how wet the box becomes has been adopted by the Army.

In recent tests, these boxes were soaked in water for more than a month. When removed, the interiors were entirely dry and the matches burst into flame almost at once when

# Ham and Eggs in Cans--That's QM Corps Latest Development

A "5 in 1" canned ration, including ham and eggs, has been developed especially for units of motorized and mechanized forces, the War Department announces.

### Big 'Names'

**CAMP EDWARDS**, Mass.—What's in a name? Sometimes a feature story for a weary public relations office. Here's what a trip to the classification files at Camp Edwards unearthed last week. All the men listed are stationed here.

**COMEDIANS:** Abbott & Costello, Harold Lloyd.

**MUSICIANS:** Wagner for classical, Lombardo for swing.

**SEASONS:** Winter, Midwinter.

**JEWELS:** Ruby, Stone.

**GREAT LOVERS:** Valentino,

**MEASUREMENTS:** Quart, Angle,

Romeo.

**Short, Small.**

**AUTHORS:** Sabatini, Morley.

**BASEBALL:** Gehrig.

**PUGILISTS:** Bear.

**HISTORY:** Cicero.

**BUILDINGS:** Castle, Arena, Barnes.

**COLLEGES:** Cornell, Brown.

**COUNTRIES:** Brazil.

**FINANCE:** Morgan, Bond.

**INVENTORS:** Bell.

**ANIMALS:** Wolfe, Beaver.

**FOOD:** Bacon, Berry, Bunn.

**NATURE:** Brooks.

**TONSorial:** Barber.

**BIRDS:** Eagle.

It consists mainly of canned and dehydrated foods. The ration includes three full meals for five men for one day.

Cooking ability is not required. When necessary the can is heated and the food is ready in a few minutes.

Dietitians of the Quartermaster Corps, who developed the new ration, have worked out three daily

menus, each containing approximately 4000 calories in the following food combinations:

#### MENU NUMBER 1

##### Breakfast

Canned grapefruit  
Dry cereal  
Canned ham and eggs  
Soluble coffee  
Sugar  
Canned milk.

##### Dinner

Pea soup (dehydrated)  
Creamed corned beef  
Canned snap beans  
Hard candy  
Orange juice powder  
Sugar.

##### Supper

Baked beans (dehydrated)  
Canned vegetables  
Evaporated apricots  
Cocoa with sugar and milk.

#### MENU NUMBER 2

##### Breakfast

Tomato juice cocktail  
Instant wholewheat cereal  
Canned bacon sliced (24 oz can)  
Soluble coffee  
Sugar  
Canned milk.

##### Dinner

Bean soup (dehydrated)  
Canned roast beef  
Instant rice  
Canned peas  
Hard candy  
Lemon juice powder  
Sugar.

##### Supper

Meat and vegetable stew  
Evaporated prunes  
Soluble coffee  
Sugar  
Canned milk.

#### MENU NUMBER 3

##### Breakfast

Canned orange juice  
Instant oatmeal cereal  
Canned sausage with egg powder  
Soluble coffee  
Sugar  
Canned milk.

##### Dinner

Beef stew  
Beets (dehydrated)  
Hard candy  
Apple sauce (dehydrated)  
Tea.

##### Supper

Canned spaghetti & meat balls  
Canned carrots  
Rice pudding (dehydrated)  
Cocoa with sugar and milk.

## Private Sees Home Shelled, Congratulates Gunners

**CAMP GRUBER**, Okla.—Pvt. E. L. Oliver of the 202d Field Artillery at Camp Gruber carries the rare distinction of having watched his former home of many years blown to kindling wood by the expert marksmanship of his own outfit.

Standing high on an observation post in the rugged Cookson Hills, Oliver looked on while big field pieces sent shells roaring out towards his home-farm during the official opening of firing on the Tenth Army Corps Artillery Firing Center here.

As the thudding blast of exploding shells echoed back through the early-morning air, Oliver breathed sigh of relief.

"I'm sure glad I don't live there any more," he said.

Oliver was driver of the jeep carried Brig. Gen. David S. Rumbough, commander of the 16th FA brigade, and his party to the vast Camp Gruber reservation, an area which takes in a great portion of the Cookson hills, including the private's former home.



**PVT. E. L. OLIVER** was "glad he doesn't live there anymore" when his own outfit opened up with big field pieces, choosing his former home as a convenient target at which to pitch his explosive shells. Oliver points to the site of his home for the benefit of Brig. Gen. David S. Rumbough (left), commander of the 16th FA Brigade, and Maj. William D. Lewis (right), executive officer of the 137th FA battalion. Oliver drove the jeep for the general and his party during the opening of the X Army Corps artillery firing center at Camp Gruber, Okla.

### What Do Rookies Miss Most? Home!

**CAMP ROBERTS**, Calif.—A survey conducted among a group of Infantry trainees here who have been in the Army only a month settled a good many doubtful questions concerning the lives of "Johnny Doughboys" when they stated that home ties were among their foremost thoughts.

Sixty per cent of those interviewed listed their "home surroundings" in answer to the question: "What do you miss most?" Family life was named specifically by more than half of this group with the minority listing their sweethearts. Other points listed according to their im-

portance included: "freedom of civilian life," "night life," water sports," and "the family car."

"What do you like most about the Army?" was answered by the rookies with the word: "Chow." Much to the surprise of experienced soldiers, close order drill was placed on the same level with food. Following in the balloting were: "regular hours," "new associations and new friends," and "large variety of sports."

Eighty per cent of those interviewed stated without qualification that they liked Army life. Ten per cent made the same assertion with

qualifications and only 10 per cent commented bluntly that they did not like the Army.

Plans for progress in the Army were expressed as follows: 30 per cent wish to try for commissions, 35 per cent hope to become non-commissioned officers, and the remainder will be content to plug along, come what may.

Eighty-five per cent of the men questioned had gained 5 to 15 pounds in the past 30 days of Army life. Ninety per cent admitted at least two more hours sleep than received prior to induction.

# The Sad Saxons

ing an Unhystorical Acct. of the Bataille of Hastings, 1066 A. D., Yeoman G. Chaucer Dougherty, now of Forte Niagara, N. Y.

A Knight ther was—a huskye guye, Sir Joe,  
A veteranne of batailles longe ago.  
He wore a marksmanne's medalle on his cheste  
And drylled from morne to nyght with lytle reste.  
With Englande's Goode Kinge Harolde servedde he  
In Captayne Squyer's Lyght-Horse Companye "G".  
Now in the year 1066 campydde he  
By Hastings, ther to fyght the enemye.  
And on the eve of bataille our Sir Joe  
Was actyne as the Companye DRO..  
While bryngyng out the seconndes on the cayke  
He hearde a Speciale Dutye Sergeant spake  
(This Sergeant were a Technycyanne Fourthe Grayde.  
And he it were who Speciale Ordyres mayde  
Upon his typewryter in Poste Haitch-Que,  
Where 'twas decyded what the Companye'd do:  
"I hearde todaye that we will stryke at nyne  
Tomorrow morne, and crash the Normanne lyne."

Now Joe was burstyng with this secrty newse:  
He rushed to tell the Sergeant of the Stewse;  
He founde hym muncyng on a sugarre rolle  
And whyspered to hym: "Sarge, don't telle a soulle,  
But here's the dope I got from guyyes who knowe—  
That Nyne Tomorrow is the houre we go!"  
The Sergeant ayte his rolle and offe he wente  
And mette the Charge of Quartyres in his tente.  
"Oh, CQ," spake the Sergeant, "Has thou hearde?  
At Nyne Tomorrow we gyve Bill the byrde!"  
(It would be beste if we should here explayne  
That "Bill" was Normanne Willyam 'crosse the playne).  
The CQ passyd the newse to Yeoman Browne  
When Brownie sygnd the passeebooke, wente to towne.

In Hastings, Brownie had lyttle else to do,  
So dropped in Red Dogge Taverne for a brewe.  
'Twas ther he mette a verrye comelye lasse;  
She wynkd, and Brownie boughte her a foamyng glasse.  
She asked him what hys outfyte were, and he  
Told her he were in Lyght-Horse Companye "G".  
Then Brownie, typplyng another glasse or two  
Revealyd what Companye "G" had plannyd to do.

Alas, the lasse were butte a Normanne spye:  
She rushyd awaye to Willyam's campe to crye:  
"Theystryke at Nyne Tomorrow, O Kinge Will—  
Prepare to meet their onrushe from the hyll!"  
The next daye Harolde felle uppon the playne  
And Saxonnes never ever rulyd agayne.

*Now drawe a morale from this tayle of myne  
AND SHUTTE YR TRAPPE LEST THAT  
SADDE FAYTE BE THYNE!*



## The Mess Line

### NEARLY TRUE STORY

A man went into a bar and ordered a Martini, drank it, chewed the bowl of the glass and threw the stem over his shoulder. He did the same with six more Martinis, and, noticed the bartender was staring at him.

"I guess you think I'm crazy, don't you?" he asked.

"I sure do," said the bartender. "The stems are the best part."

Have we been misjudging women? So far, no member of the WAAC has kicked because the others are dressed exactly as she is.

### POEMINUTE

Bob Montgomery,  
Adept at mummery,  
Makes a gala  
U. S. sailor.

Pfc. Jay Keys

**GOLDBRICK'S PROVERB:**  
Half a loaf is better than no rest at all.

Every now and then we read that somebody got away with flying colors, but never about his re-incarceration.

### MILITARY PROBLEM

What are you knitting, my pretty maid?

She purled, then dropped a stitch.  
A sock or a sweater, sir, she said—  
And darned if I know which.

NO, ATHELSTANE, CAMP PICKETT IS NOT THE PLACE WHERE THEY SEND ALL THE UNION MEN.

### TOO TRUE, ALAS!

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,  
For Time brings only sorrow;  
Girls you might have kissed today  
May wear gas masks tomorrow!

## Morning Report Clerk Writes His Gal a Poem

You sd you awlys wd be mne  
Yr lve wd ever lnge on  
And nw tht I'm awy fr you  
You wrt and sy yr lve is gn

You clm y've fnd anthr one  
Whse kss brng you grir thril  
Wll go ahd and hve yr fn  
I'll frgt—I knw I wll

I wnt gt drnk, I wnt dsrt  
I wnt go AWOL  
I'll jst encl a bitter wsh  
That bth of you wd go to hll.

—JERRY PUGH,  
Baer Field, Ind.

## Careful, That 'Mech' May Have Bars

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—It doesn't pay sergeants in the 78th "Lightning" Division to holler indiscriminately at mechanics stretched out on the ground underneath the division's trucks. An oil-daubed "grease monkey" may turn out to be the company commander.

Stressing the great importance of keeping the vehicles of a fighting division in tiptop running order, Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, Jr., commanding general of the 78th, has directed that every officer in the Lightning Division must be able to grease a truck and be familiar with the essential principles of motor repair.

The result is that buck privates who learned how to patch up a wheezing jalopy in civilian life are teaching their drillmasters how to keep the engine of a 2½-ton Army transport truck running smoothly. The lieutenants and the captains seem to be enjoying the experience, too.

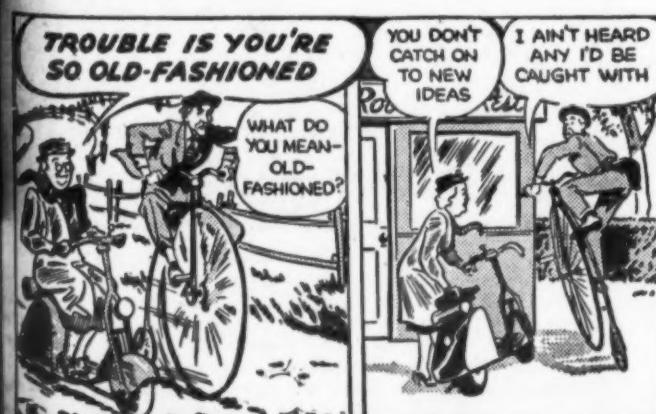
## Good Morning, Sarge

Comrade, leave me here a little while, it is yet early morn.  
Leave me here, and when you want me, sound upon the bugle horn  
Sound upon it, blow it later, rouse me not from slumbers deep  
Blow it later, later, later, do not tear me from my sleep.  
Slumber sweet should not be broken—soldiers are in need of rest  
If they are to rise unsurly and to face the day with zest.  
Let me slumber now, my corporal, let me cover up my head;  
Do not come to rouse me early—prithee, let me sleep instead.  
Just last night I blew the foam heads off from many a stormy brew  
And my slumber now is pleasant—some time I'll do the same for  
you.  
Do not tug my warmth-filled blankets rudely from my shaking  
frame—  
Get thee from me, Corporal Waters, ere I curse upon thy name!  
Silken is the bed I lie on, raucous is thy coaxing voice;  
I would lie here just a moment—then I'll rise; this is my choice.  
Cease thy efforts, let me slumber. I will rise soon, said I not?  
Get thee from me, faithless traitor, do not agitate my cot!  
Oh, thou bleak, unsocial scoundrel, curses on thy nagging head.  
Go away, I prithee, prithee! I would lie a bit abed.  
Comes the sergeant toward my chamber? See'st a frown upon his  
brow?  
Said ye this, oh, misbegotten? Comes he henceward, comes he now?  
Methinks I'll tear thy lying tongue out dost thou on the truth  
enlarge—  
Tis time to rise, and rise abruptly. I'm up! I'm up. "Good  
morning Sarge."

—Sgt. Charles House, Camp Grant, Ill.



He says he sends everything to the laundry on Wednesday.  
—By Cpl. Franklin Folger, Camp Chaffee, Ark.



# Giant Magnet Collects Bowie Scrap

CAMP BOWIE, Tex.—Camp Bowie roads, drives and motor parks are being magnetically cleaned to save tires—and the cleaning machine is picking up an extraordinarily varied collection of small scrap iron. The magnetic nail picker that is cleaning the camp is one of two such machines belonging to the Highway Maintenance Engineering Section of the State Highway Department at Austin. It's a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton truck with two electro-magnetic plates, the width of the truck, suspended by chains about six or eight inches above the ground in the rear of the vehicle.

The operator is Walter W. Sanford. Assisting him are Pfc. Earl W. Anderson and Pfc. Troy W. Kenser, soldiers of the Quartermaster Detachment, 1853rd Unit, assigned to the Ordnance Administrative Motor Pool.

The magnetic nail picker has been in Camp Bowie since Oct. 1. It was sent here at the request of Lt. Finley E. Milstead, assistant Motor Transport Officer in charge of the Ordnance Administrative Motor Pool.

The operator says he has cleaned two other Texas Army Camps but that he is getting his biggest haul of tire-menacing bits of metal here at Camp Bowie.

The biggest single day's collection totaled 1867 pounds—almost a ton. Sanford estimates that they'll collect over 5000 pounds of metal from Camp Bowie roads before they finish in the new area within the next few days.

Fully two-thirds of the haul thus far is made up of nails—a memento of remodeling tent covered huts into hutsments and of the large amount of new construction work now in progress at Camp Bowie.

A casual inspection of the pile of metal scrap collected so far revealed more than 40 identifiable items, not counting variations. Besides nails there are brads, bolts, nuts, pins, rivets, roofing tacks, screw-eyes and spikes.

Under the general heading of pipe, the pile includes several lengths and sizes of pipe, casing, tubing, and electrical conduit tubes.

If you're thirsty, you'll find several varieties of bottle caps and beverage cans to remind you of their former contents.

The scrap collection from Camp Bowie roadways also includes several jagged tin can tops and some razor blades, still shiny and sharp.

Several varieties of wire mesh can be spotted in the pile: Ordinary screening, fine wire mesh strainers, punch mesh from motor installation covers, chicken wire and half-inch mesh.

Scraps of sheet metal, angle irons, hinges, screen door handles, door springs, loose coil springs, electric

switch boxes, wire, washers, and chain links dot the collection.

Small articles include paper clips, keys, slugs and hundreds of odd scraps that defy identification.

For good luck, there's a horseshoe,

though it looks more like it came from a horse-shoe playing set than from any four-footed beast.

There are also old license plates, military and civilian.

Miscellaneous articles include a

molasses spigot, a freight car seal, and part of a seeding machine—a corn planting plate, to be exact.

There's even a domestic note in the scrap collected from the Camp Bowie roadways, for the pile includes buckets, coat-hangers, a mop-head, the handle of a table knife, a spoon, and an egg spatula.

When the collection is complete it will be turned over to the salvage officer to add to Camp Bowie's contribution to the nation-wide scrap metal drive. Ultimate destination: Tokyo and Berlin.

## Devens Digest

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—For the first time such a religious observance has been held in country, hundreds of Catholics of this fort attended a munition dinner this week. This was made possible through the indulgence of Pope Pius XI, permitting men in the armed forces to receive Holy Communion at a meal after midday—the first such permission has been given to Catholics in the United States.

The Most Rev. Richard J. King, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, presided at the Mass, which was celebrated by Chaplain Edward Kenealy, post chaplain, in St. Michael's church in adjoining Ayer. Thener followed at the Ayer USO.

### ON BATAAN

Capt. Florence MacDonald, chief nurse of the Lovell General Hospital and an Army nurse for nearly 25 years, is credited with gaining many nurse volunteers overseas duty as she tells of the days she spent on Bataan and Corregidor.

Brig. Gen. Henry C. Phillips, commandant of the hospital, pointed out that nearly half his nursing staff has volunteered for foreign service after hearing Captain MacDonald's quiet but inspiring story of heroic courage of American and Filipino nurses who cared for sick and wounded at "Anzio" and Dunkirk."

Captain MacDonald said the food supply would have been plentiful but for propaganda by the Japanese among Filipinos in the local police urging them to go to the office and Corregidor "where there is plenty of food." As a result the stocks were used up rapidly. On Corregidor had fresh meat on the end of March when a Japanese pound bomb put the cold storage plant out of commission and the besieged populace turned to eating meats.

She told of heavy shelling by naval guns, which began at 6 a.m. and continued all day, being stopped promptly at 4 p.m. to allow the Japanese to stage a parade in honor of the Emperor's birthday.

**HERO**

Promotion of Pfc. Walter G. attached to Headquarters Company SCU 1111, to corporal disclosed he holds the Soldier's Medal for courageous attempt to save the life of a prisoner who was downed in the Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, reservoir while attempting to escape.

**MODEST**

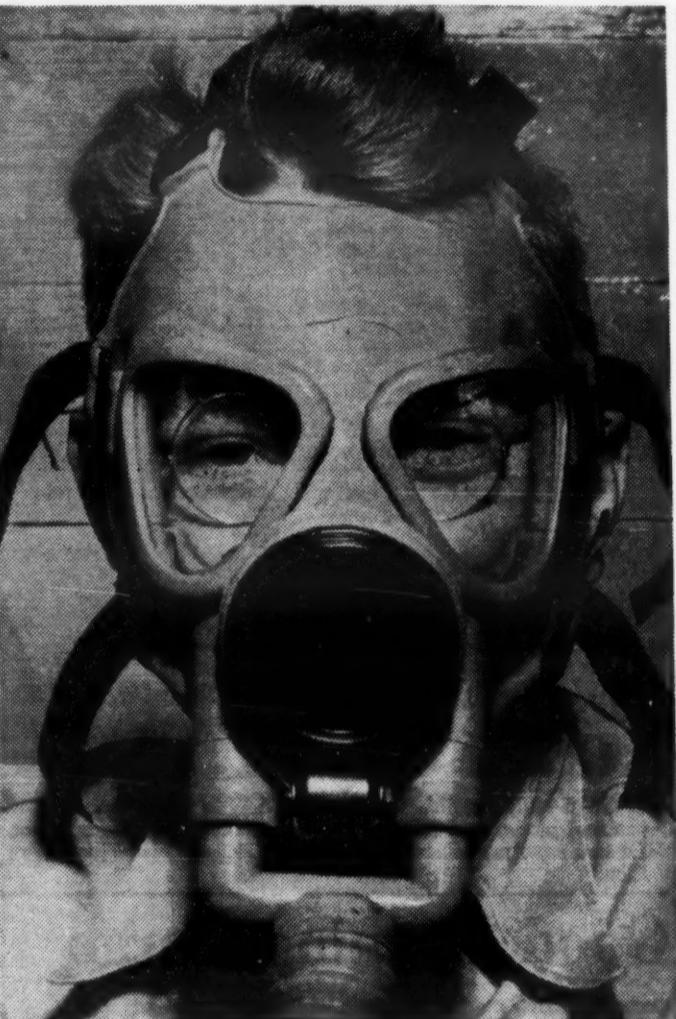
Our boys must be modest, Richard J. Spurr, post salvager, reports that they're the ones minded and of late he has pieces of scrap metal on the warehouse platform left during the night by soldiers unwilling to public credit for their contribution to the current salvage campaign.

Incidentally, Devens is doing a swell job on salvage. Many tons of scrap metal have been sent to mills and much more remains sorted, piled and sold to contractors in the campaign. In the couple of months nearly four tons of used rubber has been used in making new tires.

**GOING UP**

Maj. Leon A. Alley, executive officer of the Lovell General Hospital, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel, and George D. Webb, personnel assistant at post headquarters; Neil Manter, post theatre officer, captain, and 2d Lt. Harry S. Special Service officer of the Infantry, to first lieutenant.

## Special Glasses Worn Under Masks



AND THIS is how Pvt. Harold Kreschel looks after donning his gas mask over the special glasses.

—Photo by Sgt. Charles W. Hart

## Gets DFC for Saving His Battered Bomber

Second Lieutenant Clarence W. Lipsky, Air Corps, piloted his Flying Fortress through a hall of enemy fire over German-occupied France. The wings and fuselage were drilled by 2000 machine gun bullets. Twelve hits by explosive cannon shells shook the ship. Two engines were out of commission, propeller and controls were damaged and three of the crew were wounded.

Lieutenant Lipsky, bringing his battered ship back over England, found a nearby airfield too small for a safe landing, so he brought the Fortress to a successful landing at another field 30 miles away.

For his skill and courage Lieutenant Lipsky has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, according to a report to the War Department from Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of American forces in the European theatre.

Lieutenant Lipsky and his crew were members of a squadron of heavy American bombers which raided the shipyards at Le Havre on August 24. Lieutenant Lipsky's ship was in formation, flying at a height of four and one-half miles above the ground. The fortresses swept inland past the French coast in broad daylight. German Focke-Wulf 190's attacked. Machine gun fire ripped through the wings of Lieutenant Lipsky's ship and cannon shell raked the fuselage as well. The gunners were in the upper turret, a waist gunner and radio operators were hit. Two engines were out of commission. Gas tanks were full of holes. The aileron on the starboard side was smashed, the rudder and fin damaged severely, and a propeller on a remaining engine battered.

Riding out the blows, the Flying Fortress piloted by Lieutenant Lipsky kept its place in the high altitude formation. The shipyards were bombed with

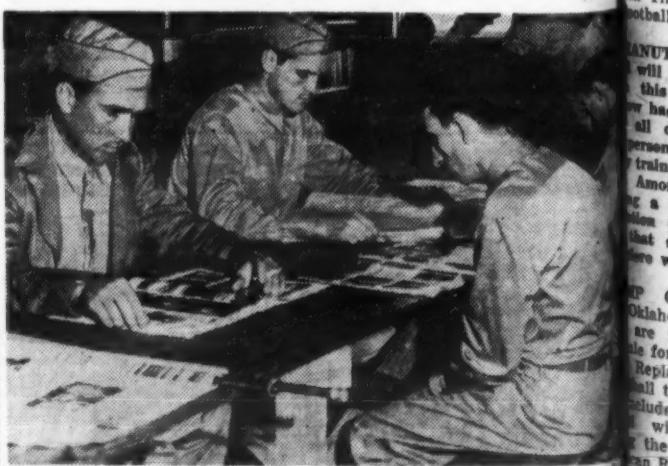
precision. Then the return flight began. Again enemy fighters attacked. Three of the wounded men in Lieutenant Lipsky's crew were out of action along with the two engines. But the guns of the Flying Fortress drove off the attackers.

## WAAC Homes Begun At Camp Crowder

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Col. George W. Teachout, commanding officer of Camp Crowder, has announced that construction of a group of five buildings to house the 53rd WAAC Headquarters Company, due to arrive at this Signal Corps post Dec. 28, is now under way.

The WAAC buildings will consist of three barracks, a mess hall, and an administration building. The mess hall will be similar in design to those used by enlisted men. The barracks, however, will differ from present men's barracks in that each floor will be divided into squad rooms and more extensive bathing facilities will be included. A laundry room for each barrack is also one of the features of the WAAC buildings.

The administration building will contain officers' quarters, an orderly room, recreation hall and—a beauty parlor.



THIS shot of a company dayroom at Fort Ben Harrison, Ind., is indicative of the library activity throughout the Fifth Service Command, which has just announced a total of 40 volumes with a circulation of 108,055.—Signal Corps Photo

## SPORTS CHAT



# Sgt. Joe Starts a Controversy

"My fightin' days are over." So spoke a soldier in the United States Army last week and he stirred up a controversy.

But that soldier wasn't talking about the scrap with the Axis for which he is preparing. He meant his career as a heavyweight prize fighter.

Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow, world's champion, now of Fort Riley, Kans., told a newspaperman, "I'm in the Army now and they're taking care of my plans, but as for the ring—my fightin' days are over."

Immediately Promoter Mike Jacobs and Louis' co-manager, John Roxborough, denied the story, claimed the Brown Bomber had been misquoted.

Associated Press Sports Writer David E. Kaufman came right back, explained how he had warned the champion he would be quoted, and asked him how come. Louis had replied:

"Cause I'll be too old when the war's over. I'm too old now." Joe is 28. He doesn't expect the war to end for two years, and he's signed up for the duration and six months. Two days later the champion explained himself. It seems he hadn't definitely retired from the ring. He just "expects" never to fight again.

He didn't seem to care whole lot one way or the other. He continued on his way to a two-weeks furlough in Los Angeles—just another soldier on leave.

"The only fightin' I'm thinkin' about right now is in the Army," he said.

## Crowd Gets a Kick Out of 'Mule Day'

By T/3 Ray Cox

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Laughter was the order of the day when Headquarters Battery, 601st Field Artillery (pack) staged its first gymkhana and barbecue on the battery's ball field at Camp Carson. An estimated crowd of 300 spectators howled and hooted at the program of eight screwball events, all staged on muleback.

In the best-approved mule fashion, the long-eared critters let it be known in no uncertain terms that they were taking part in these foolish activities only under protest. Frequently, in spite of all the mule jockeys could do to the contrary, they trotted off in just the opposite direction from the one desired, ending up at the hitching post where the spare mules were tethered.

The biggest laugh-getter of the day, perhaps, was the jackass derby, a one-furlong race in which contestants were mounted facing the rear of their mules. The animals were slow in starting but by the time they had reached the finish line were

really hitting their stride. Some of the jockeys, whose control under such conditions was definitely limited, were unable to bring the stubborn jackasses to a halt and were carried off out of sight. A number of the mule-skimmers were unable to stay aboard their buckin' broncs and were sent flying through the air.

The roughest event in the schedule was the mounted wrestling contest. All contestants were grouped in a circle on their mules, the object being to unseat opponents. Once a man touched the ground he was automatically eliminated from the shindig. At first the skimmers paired off to carry on their wrestling but it soon became apparent that they would get nowhere using such a system.

Then the dirty work began. A single rider was singled out and all the contestants ganged up on him, throwing him to the ground. The mules forgot their lack of interest and actually seemed to relish this event, taking advantage of every opportunity to get in a well-placed kick or a crafty nip at an unwary man or fellow mule. Pvt. Kelly was the winner of this event and, strangely enough, no casualties were reported.

The high light of the day's festivities came when two polo teams squared off in the center of the field and gave their all in a heated contest. The game commenced in a comparatively tame manner but soon gained momentum, with the players forgetting that the object of the game was to make contact between the polo mallet and the ball and seemingly concentrating on whacking one another—and the mules—on various parts of the anatomy.

## Invents New Way To Publicize Fights

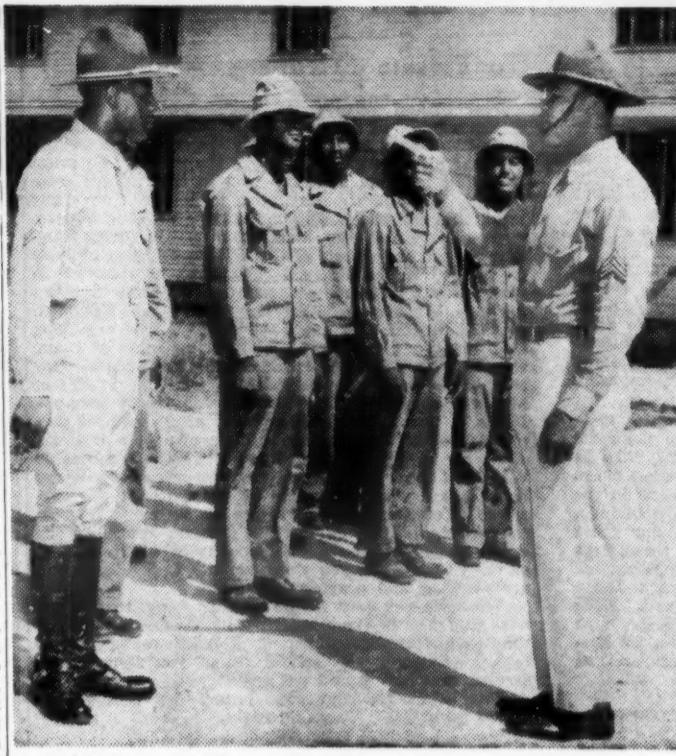
CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Camp Stewart has initiated a new wrinkle in publicizing its boxing and other athletic shows.

As the soldier patrons leave the Stewart theatres each night the loudspeaker suddenly blares forth, asking their attention a moment, then the announcer explains where and when the show will be held and tells them they are cordially invited to attend.

Electrical records are used. In this way several thousands are reached nightly. Sgt. L. C. Bryan, post athletic non-commissioned officer, invented the novel method.

ACCIDENT RATE per flying hour in the Army Air Forces is 68 per cent lower today than in 1930.

A SMILE on his face—or is it a leer?—this mule ambles forward in one of the events of the mule field day sponsored by the 601st Field Artillery at Camp Carson, Colo.—the backwards race. The whole idea seems to be to find out who's the biggest jackass.



SGT. JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW (Right)

... he did or he didn't



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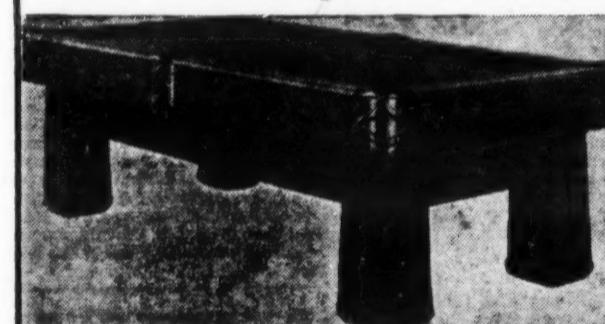
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# On Common Ground

## Noted Citizen Meets Soldier

To Mr. Rockefeller

August 18, 1942.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,  
c/o Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.,  
Williamsburg, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I saw Williamsburg recently and I wish to thank you for your kindness in inviting me, as well as the other soldiers from Fort Eustis, as your guest on this memorable tour.

I want to thank you especially for the unique and wonderful way in which this visit made me realize the heritage and rich gifts of our country. Of all the sights I have seen, and the books I have read, and the speeches I have heard, none ever made me see the greatness of this country with more force and clearness than when I saw Williamsburg slumbering peacefully on its old foundations.

It was a rare pleasure indeed to be in the same church where Washington prayed; to be in the same chamber where Patrick Henry shouted "If this be treason, make the most of it"; to be in the same classroom where Thomas Jefferson studied law, and in the same tavern where he danced with his fair Belinda. Never before or after in history have so many great men lived together at one time, and all their lives and works seemed to be mirrored in Williamsburg.

As a soldier in the United States Army, I am proud to have set foot on such grand old soil. More than ever it has made me live in the daily hope that by facing the future together, we shall all survive it together, both as a united nation and as free men.

Yours very truly,  
(sgd.) PRIVATE R. FRIEDBERG,

Battery B, 12th Battalion

Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Commenting on the letters in *The Sky Watch*, post paper, Brig. Gen. Forrest E. Williford, who is commander of Eustis, said: "Both letters show a beauty of mind, spirit and purpose that is distinctly refreshing amid this global turmoil. They are classics which, along with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, will help to explain the wholesomeness that guides our better element during war and during peace."

## Stewart Scrap Heap Totals Million Pounds

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—More than a million pounds of scrap has been collected at Camp Stewart and through the efforts of post authorities in nearby communities.

A total of 639,000 pounds was collected at the camp and the

post sent transportation to assist in collection of another 400,000 pounds at Vidalia and Lyons, Ga.

A convoy of 16 Army trucks went to the aid of the Georgia communities and Lt. Col. Robert C. Alley, post salvage officer and director of supply, reported the work there was carried out with business-like precision.

Colonel Alley said that 527,754 pounds of the scrap collected on the 280,000 acre Stewart reservation has already been delivered to trade channels and that an additional 111,286 pounds is on hand here ready for the contractor to move.

The Stewart scrap drive is being continued without let-up and several tons are collected daily. Several abandoned towns and numerous "ghost" farmhouses on the reservation, taken over by the Army to make up the post reservation, have been scoured by soldiers so that all possible bits of metal have been made available to the national drive.

Camp Stewart officers also have spoken in neighboring communities, urging all-out efforts in their local drives and stressing the importance of collecting the scrap to aid the war effort.

## Fort Sillables

By Staff Sgt. John Gruenberg

FORT SILL, Okla.—Football got under way last week at Fort Sill with the Field Artillery School (White Detachment) eleven thumping the 83rd Field Artillery Battalion, 31 to 0, under the lights at Butner Field in the opening game witnessed by 4,000 fans. Seven teams, including two Negro squads, are represented in this year's Fort Sill Football League with the Reception Center grididers defending their 1941 title against a potentially tough field of competition. Several outside teams will be played by league members with some of the contests benefitting Army Emergency Relief and opposition being furnished by nearby college and other service teams.

### SWEET REVEILLE

Thirty new bugles of the recently developed plastic type have been ordered by the Quartermaster here for Fort Sill reveilles. These new eye-openers will save approximately 20 ounces of brass, a critical metal, in each instrument and the tone is said to be better in these cellulose acetate tootlers. The color is olive drab, if the tone isn't.

### VISITOR

In order to obtain ideas for future articles, Maj. John E. Coleman, editor of the Field Artillery Journal, spent several days at Fort Sill last week. Major Coleman conferred with Brig. Gen. Jesmond D. Balmer, commandant of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, as well as other ranking officials on the post.

### FESTIVITIES

Negro entertainers who appeared here in the first all-Negro USO-Camp Show production to be seen at Fort Sill this week were also on the receiving end of entertainment during their visit. Members of the cast of "Keep Shuffling," produced in New York by Orchestra Leader Noble Sissle, were guests of the 349th Field Artillery Regiment here at a banquet given in their honor. The artists were also taken on a tour of the post and met numerous Fort Sill officials as highlights of the three-day "stand" here.

### MORE OBSTACLES

Three "obstacle course" constructions have now been completed at Fort Sill with the opening this week seen."

## To Private Friedberg

August 27, 1942.

Dear Friend Friedberg:

Your letter of August 18th telling of your interest in Williamsburg and the restoration has given me the greatest pleasure. Having spent the past fifteen years in trying to bring back the past in that unique community, it is highly gratifying to realize from your letter that the efforts thus made have not been in vain.

You have felt the inspiration of the great men who walked the streets of the Williamsburg of old and frequented its buildings. They have helped you to realize what freedom means and how worth fighting for it is. In arranging for the men at Fort Eustis to see Williamsburg as you have done, it was our hope that the impression made, at least on some of them, would be what your letter indicates it has been in your case. Patrick Henry was speaking from the depths of his soul when he said: "Give me Liberty or give me Death." That is the position today of all the free peoples of the world; as we see millions of people deprived of liberty we are realizing increasingly its inestimable value and must be ready to pay any price to preserve it for those who may come after us, if not for ourselves. You men in uniform are preparing yourselves to participate in one of the greatest crusades the world has ever known. Those of us who are too old or unfit to go with you stand solidly back of you and are working and praying for you.

We have two sons in the regular army, two in the navy and one in Government work as Coordinator of the South American countries. You will realize, therefore, how deeply we feel for all of you men in the service, and how proud we are of you.

Thank you for your good letter. My best wishes attend you.

Very sincerely,

Your friend,

(sgd.) JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

## Fort Eustis Gives First Bla Of Weekly Radio Show

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—"Fort Eustis Open House," a half-hour broadcast written, produced and presented by the men this Anti-Aircraft Replacement Training Center, was inaugurated Wednesday night over Radio Station WRVA, of Richmond, at 10:30 until 11 o'clock.

In this series of programs it is hoped to present the best talent at this post and to help the citizens of this area to better understand the important part that Fort Eustis is playing in the war effort.

The highlight of the first program was an interview with Capt. William R. Ferguson of the Medical Corps. Captain Ferguson described his experiences with the "American Hospital in Britain" during the early days of the German Blitz on the English coastal towns and cities. He told of the important part the doctor is playing in modern warfare, of the advancements that have been made, and the general agreement among doctors that "modern surgery is at least up to, if not beyond, modern destruction."

The musical spotlight of the program was cast upon the 16-piece dance orchestra conducted by Staff Sgt. Harry B. Jones, and the singing of Sgt. Joe Allen Propst, a lyric tenor, and Cpl. Johnny Plouffe, a tenor, who also plays the trumpet in the band.

Staff Sergeant Jones was formerly a staff musician for Radio Station WRVA, and has played trumpet for Tommy Tucker, Earl Mellon, and other well-known musical organizations. The personnel of the orchestra is taken from the AARTC Bands,

and most of the members have with big-name swing outfits. Music is specially arranged by bandleaders of the band.

A "Meet The Man In The Band" feature will be carried each Wednesday night Sgt. Bob "Cut" Cutshall, former Benny Goodman trombonist, was interviewed and the featured solo spot with band.

The program is written and produced by Sgt. O. L. Perkins, of post radio section, assisted by F. C. Greenwalt who will also be announcing. Sergeant Perkins, formerly connected with NBC Chicago and was one of the "Romeros" on such popular programs as "The Breakfast Club," and "Matinee."

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# The Army Press

If we were on maneuvers in Louisiana and happened to glom onto a copy of *The Cyclone*, we would keep it close to our breast till the end of the war.

The issue we have inaugurates "the second, or malignant phase" of the Third Army's maneuvers and features on its front page a picture of "Miss Melba Skinblister, formerly hostess at the Leaf River Boat Club, who has come to Louisiana to continue serving the 38th (Cyclone) Division. She will reign as Water Goddess at the annual Cane River Lake swimming party that will open the Louisiana rainy season this year."

The 38th's regular station is Camp Shelby, Miss.

## Information (Unnecessary)

Camp Barkeley (Tex.) News featured on its front page—under "Our Own Orientation Course," a fashion drawing of a civilian at a football game. Says blurb:

"He wears funny clothes which he selects himself. He knows the cop on the corner and has a speaking acquaintance with the banker. He pays a few taxes, puts his two-bits in the church plate and uses a wood occasionally in the mistaken belief he can knock a golf ball out of the cabbage. He owes six payments on a V-8 which is about ready to go into the barn by the ghost of his grandfather's Victoria. He eats what he wants to—and can buy it—and does what he pleases after he punches the time clock or closes the desk. He is a picture of what the well dressed man will wear when let alone—AND—he's the gleam in his draft board's eyes."

New one is Post Star, published at Syracuse Airbase, N. Y. Anyone know why it uses old style Air Corps in-

signia in its masthead?

## Timing

According to the Westover Flyer, Pvt. Jules Parness of Westover Field, Mass., was fortunate enough to draw a 36-hour furlough, but as far as he's concerned he shoulda stood in bed.

First of all he consumed four hours of his precious pass time by sleeping through his train stop, Bridgeport, Conn., and wound up in New York City. Not able to get a train back until early morning, he took a room at a hotel and slept there for twelve hours. He finally arrived in Bridgeport just in time to bid his pals and his girl-friend good-night—they were going to bed early as all have defense jobs. Parness beat it back to Westover, crawled into his bunk, and spent the remaining five hours of his leave there.

The Beam is the name of the new mimeographed weekly published at Marianna (Fla.) Flying School.

## Gore Bores Boar Before Boar Can Gore Gore

Two hundred pounds of wicked, tusked fury, the wild boar charged. Sgt. Leland S. Gore fired. The animal dropped dead at his feet.

And thus were the lads in the Quartermaster Section at Fort Ord, Calif., given the wherewithal to throw a special feed, says the Panorama.

Sgt. Gore made the kill in the Carmel valley this week. With a party of friends on horseback, Gore

cornered the boar in a thicket. Dismounting, he crawled after the quarry, and when he was about 25 feet away the boar came at him.

It took three .30.06 rifle bullets in the animal's head to bring it down a short distance from where Gore lay. And—so-help-us, we can't keep from saying it—Gore bored the boar before the boar could gore Gore.

The new Bombsight's a sight to see. Published at Kirtland Field, N. M., it's a 42-page offset magazine, crammed with features, news and pix. Cpl. Leon J. Kane is the editor.

Second largest circulation in the state of Arizona is claimed by the 93rd Blue Helmet, published at Fort Huachuca by the 83rd Division, Negro. Weekly circulation, 20,000. Daily circulation of the Arizona Republic in Phoenix is 35,000.

## Speed

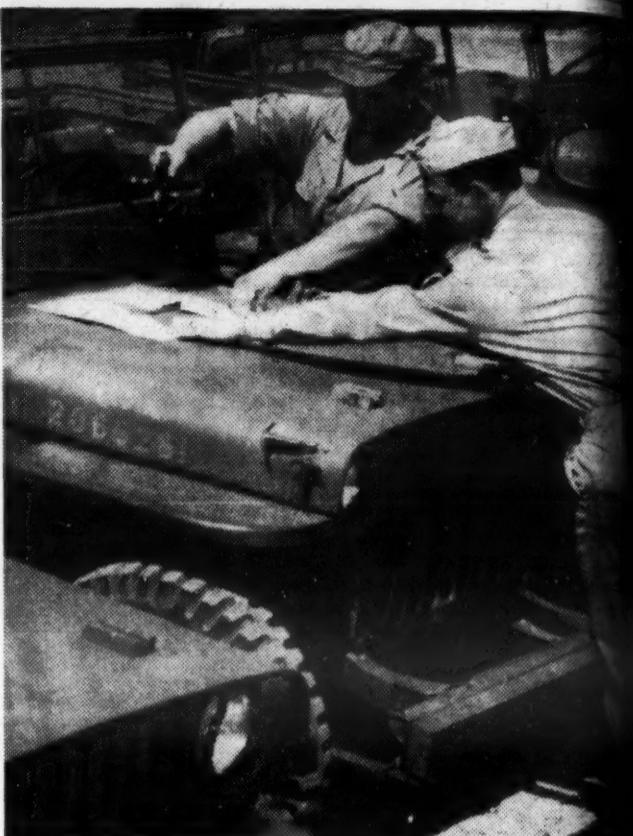
The Eight Ball of the VIII Corps at Brownwood, Tex., says the new mobile laundry units can take one guy's clothing and do it in less than 19 minutes.

Your shirts come out just a little bit gray, thassall.

## Efficiency

Cpl. Bill Pene du Bois, on leave in New York from editing the *Bermuda Base Command News*, claims he took a screen test with Betty Grable.

Kissed her, and sez that was the first time he had his uniform steamed and pressed while he was in it.



A RECENT War Department regulation calls for the man of all tactical vehicles with a five-pointed white star are members of Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, complying with the regulation by painting a star on hood of a "jeep" at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Operating paint gun is S/Sgt. C. T. Hughes, company motor sergeant under the guidance of Lt. John B. Kunz, transportation of

# Army Radio Show To Honor Lidice

NEW YORK—A tribute to the Czechoslovakian people and the memory of Lidice; the dramatic story of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron; the West Point assault course, and demonstrations of Army demolition tactics will highlight an elaborate "Army Hour" Sunday, over NBC at 3:30 p.m., EWT.

A native of Lidice, Ladislav Kim, who now lives in Cleveland, will describe the beauties of the picturesque village before it was ruthlessly destroyed by the Nazis.

From various points in the country "The Army Hour" plans to interview noted women fliers who are now members of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Command, a group that pilots huge transport planes within the United States, freeing men for overseas ferrying service.

### Go to West Point

Microphones at West Point, will pick up a demonstration of the new assault training received by cadets. The student officers will cross the special assault course wearing full

equipment and fighting mechanical enemies that spring up at them without warning. The special training course was developed by Col. Philip Gallegher and Capt. William J. McConnell, to simulate real fighting conditions. Listeners will hear West Point cadets decide, on split-second notice, whether to use bayonet, pistol or grenade on the dummy enemies that surprise them.

"The Army Hour" will travel to several points in the country, including Fort Belvoir, Va., and a Texas maneuver area, for demonstrations of Army demolition methods.

# 2250 Men Decorated Since War Began

More than 2250 soldiers, sailors and Marines have been decorated for gallantry in action against the enemy and for other heroic achievements since the start of the war.

The Army leads with 1502 decorations for gallantry in action alone, plus more than 40 for meritorious service not involving actual conflict with the enemy. In addition, the Army has decorated 303 members of the naval service, mostly for action on Bataan and Corregidor.

The exact number of naval awards is not available, but officials placed the figure at about 400. They said that many have received medals from their commanding officers in far-off places and the awards have not yet been placed on the records.

Army officials said that the War Department's records also were incomplete since many awards had been made in the field.

Army men in the first World War received 95,494 decorations, but War Department officials pointed out that a large percentage were made after the war. They said that more men are involved in direct contact with the enemy in current battle tactics and men have more opportunity to show heroism than men fighting trench warfare. They expected more decorations in this war than in the last.

Awards by the Army and the num-

ber decorated since Dec. 7 follow:

Congressional Medal of Honor—Only five awards of this highest decoration for "bravery or sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty." First World War awards totaled 95.

Distinguished Service Cross—24, and two Oak Leaf Clusters. First World War, 6,379.

Silver Star—361, and one Oak Leaf Cluster in this war, 11,517 in the first World War.

Purple Heart—599, given to men "honorably wounded" in action; 77,958 during the first World War.

Distinguished Flying Cross—273, plus 20 Oak Leaf Clusters. Not given during first World War.

Distinguished Service Medal—16, given to men for "exceptionally meritorious service" not connected with enemy action; 6,379 in first World War.

Soldier's Medal—Heroism not connected with enemy action. No official count in this war; not in existence in 1917.

Air Medal—25 awarded for bravery in flight.

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